

Apple Stamping!

This Fall Apple Basket Craft for preschoolers is a fun way to celebrate apple picking season and the fun of fall! Try to cut the apples in front of the kids and show them the seeds. Kids love seeing the inside of fruits and vegetables. This is also a great opportunity to talk about the simple parts of an apple: the stem, seed, core, skin and flesh.

What you need:

- Apples (smaller apples work best for this craft)
- Washable paint (use 2 or 3 colours - red, yellow and green for example)
- Brown construction paper cut into whatever shape you would like for the basket
- Paper plates, plastic tablecloth and/or newspapers
- White glue
- Oversized white cardstock (or white construction paper)



What to do:

1. First, cut your apples in half.
2. Cut out and decorate the basket
3. Glue your baskets onto the white paper
4. Pour out the paint onto the paper plates (one colour per plate) *If you want to do more than one colour, be sure to cut an apple half for each colour you intend to use. This will help prevent the paint colours from mixing too much*
5. Show your children how to dip the apple into the paint and stamp it onto the paper.
6. Let your kids have fun stamping the apples onto their paper!

Activity Extension: you can add more to the craft by adding construction paper stems or adding a piece of construction paper for a leaf.

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