

Face Painting

You'll need:

- A card table and two chairs
- Face paint, purchased or homemade (see ["Make Your Own Face Paint"](#) <link18>)
- Sponges and paint brushes of different sizes
- Rags, tissues or wipes
- Water
- Hair clips and bands
- Bibs or aprons
- A hand mirror
- Design ideas - butterflies, cats, dogs, fairies, ghosts, witches, wizards, clowns, stars, hearts, flowers, etc.

Set up and play:

- Draw your designs on paper so that kids can choose their design. Use designs that do not have overlapping colors. The paint takes time to dry and might blur if you paint one color on top of another.
- Make stencils of basic designs to save time. Make these out of heavy paper such as file folders.
- Have the kids select their design. Kids standing in line can be deciding while you are painting someone else's face.
- Tie a bib or apron around each child. Use clips and/or a hair band to keep long hair out of the way while you're painting a face.

- Use brushes, sponges, or even your fingers to apply the paint. Use a sponge to paint large areas or a base color. Practice in advance to figure out what works best for you.
- Apply paint in thin layers so that it will dry quickly and avoid cracking. You can paint a second layer if desired, to make the color darker.
- Avoid painting near the eyes. Ask the person to close their eyes when painting anywhere near the eye area.
- Avoid getting the paint on clothes, as the coloring may stain fabric.