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WEEKLY PROMPTS THAT HELP US THINK ABOUT RE-FRAMING
EVERYDAY THINGS AND SEEING THINGS IN NEW WAYS

PROMPT 8: OUTSIDE/INSIDE PAINT

Bring a little color into your house and share it with the world at the same time by painting on the window! This paint is easy to make because it only needs three ingredients and is easy to clean up.

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Dishsoap
- Cornstarch
- Food coloring
- Containers
- Brushes or a sponge cut into thirds (or at least one inch wide)
- A drop cloth, if you are worried about mess

Don't worry if you don't have a brush at home! You can make your own using a stick, tape or twine and a piece of sponge! Duct tape works the best, since it will hold up well to getting wet while painting.

Cut a clean kitchen sponge into a strip that is about 1 inch wide. Find a stick that is sturdy and about as long as your forearm and then use the duct tape to attach the sponge to the end, leaving about half of the sponge sticking out past the stick. Make sure to use a dry sponge and to wrap around the tape at least twice to seal the tape.

TRY IT OUT:

Mix two parts dish soap to one part cornstarch in a medium size bowl until smooth.

Divide into smaller bowls.

Add a few drops of food coloring to create your colors. Have fun mixing!

It helps to have enough sponges or brushes to have one for each color.

This paint works best for the outside of a window, but can be used inside too.

REMEMBER:

This is pretty messy project; have fun and there really is no messing up. The easy clean up means you can paint to explore limited color combinations or paint to make a mess.

FYI, if you want a good sidewalk paint, just modify this recipe! Just do a 1 to 1 ratio of water to cornstarch and then add your colors to individual portions to make a easily washable sidewalk paint!

