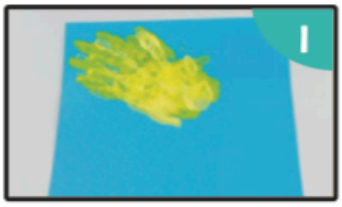
Handprint Mermaid

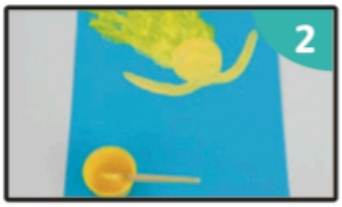


You will need:

- A3 paper in an ocean colour
- Variety of coloured paints, including skin colour
- Paint brushes
- Felt pens
- Bottle tops



Place the sheet of paper so that it is portrait. First, create the hair for the mermaid. To do this, paint one hand in a chosen colour, then print at an angle with the fingers at the top left hand corner of the paper. Repeat with further handprints to build up the length of the hair.



Now create a face for the mermaid. To do this, paint a circle shape in a chosen colour directly under the handprint. Also, paint some arms just below the face on either side.



To print the mermaid's body, paint a hand and print it onto the paper upside down. Make sure you keep the fingers together.



To create the fins on the bottom of the mermaid's body, paint your hand but not the thumb. Then print this coming off the bottom of the body in two different directions.



Add scales by dipping the tip of a finger in paint, then printing onto the mermaid's body.



Now use a paintbrush or fingers to paint your mermaid some fishy friends! You could also make some bubbles by printing with old bottle tops. Leave to dry before adding any details with the felt pens.