

# Magnetic Art-Tractions



*Explore your creative side while having fun with magnets. Use the magnetic materials and paint to create an attractive masterpiece! Science and art are positively perfect together!*

## Materials:

- A paper plate
- Tempera paints
- A very strong magnet (neodymium/rare earth magnets work well)
- A paper clip, ball bearing, or other metal item that the magnet will attract

*Note: If you want to use pins, needles, or nails, have a caregiver cut the points off and sand down any sharp pieces before you use them.*

- Newspapers (optional)

## To do:

1. Cover a table with newspaper.
2. Pour a very small amount of paint onto the paper plate. Remember, you can always add more paint later.
3. Place your metal item on the plate.
4. Place the magnet UNDER the table.
5. Use the magnet to move the metal item through the paint.
6. Play with different items, different magnets, and different paint colors to see what you can create.
7. Share your art with a friend or family member.

## Challenges:

1. Make a color wheel.
2. Write your name.
3. Paint a picture of your favorite food.
4. Try using different types of paints (e.g., watercolors, acrylics, oil paints, etc.).



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