



EXTRAVAGANT PAINTERS

Let's play and have some serious fun!

How to play

- In this game, you are special painters because you use your feet instead of your hands!
- You have imaginary paintbrushes under your feet: draw different objects on the floor (you choose).
- Take it in turns to guess what your playmate has drawn and replicate it with movement.
- Once you have completed the 'living object', switch roles.

HOW

Play in a wide-open space.

WHO

2+ players
Basic game
and variation 1: 5+
Variations 2-6: 7+

WHERE

At home (room or terrace)
or outdoors (garden, yard,
park) in an obstacle-free
space.

One game leads to another

1 Animal moves

Let's go to the zoo and you can draw the various animal moves (kangaroo, horse, monkeys, etc.). Watch out! The animals don't want to move forward: you can only move backward or sideways. Can you still make a good drawing?

2 The brushes are stuck

Oh no, the brushes beneath your feet are stuck together: how can you continue drawing? Now you've got two more brushes for your hands, but these are stuck too! How can you draw with four brushes stuck in pairs?

3 Double color brushes

You have finally managed to unstick the brushes from your hands and feet. The two in your hands are of one color and the two on your feet of another. Use one color at a time and make sure you mix the colors!

4 Let's paint together!

Try to collaborate as a group to draw one single thing. Try drawing in pairs, keeping one part of the body in contact with your playmate.

5 Big or small?

Now try to draw the same object but smaller/bigger than its original size.

6 How many objects can you manage to draw?

It's a time challenge! Let's see how many objects you can draw in a set time (in a minute, for example).

How the game becomes a story

The family storyteller can start off like this, acting out the story "Billy Bunny, the painter":

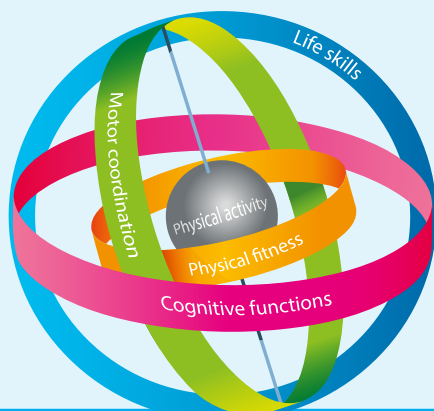
"Watch very carefully, Billy is going to turn into an extraordinary painter, who has learned to do something only very few painters can do: he draws with special, invisible brushes attached to his feet.

He can draw while jumping, running, twirling... creating impressive works of art... how many masterpieces can you make with your movements?" Now continue the story using your imagination...

Fun games for a joyful growth

Joy of moving method

This game is inspired by the scientifically recognized Joy of moving educational method that encourages children to get moving through play and enables them to improve or acquire skills in an engaging and joyful way. The games challenge your kids by training the 4 rings which are fundamental for their growth, ranging from physical fitness and motor coordination to cognitive functions and life skills.



Getting inside the game

This game fosters imagination. The imaginary brushes leave no trace, so the observing child must represent the drawing in their mind and rely on their mirror neurons, which inform them as if they themselves were performing the painter's movements. Meanwhile, for the child-painter, the complexity of the movement task increases from variation to variation: the stuck brushes require more balance and no longer allow you to draw simply by walking. Drawing in pairs is more fun, but you need to synchronize the movements of the two painters to make a beautiful drawing!

Put your own twist on the game and build a play community

Try elaborating this game. Now that you're all expert painters, you can make lots of strange drawings and paintings. Instead of drawing the objects, how could we make them? What jobs should we have?

Let's be sculptors, using our bodies and movements of course... how can we do that?

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