

SYMMETRICAL FOLDOVER PRINTS

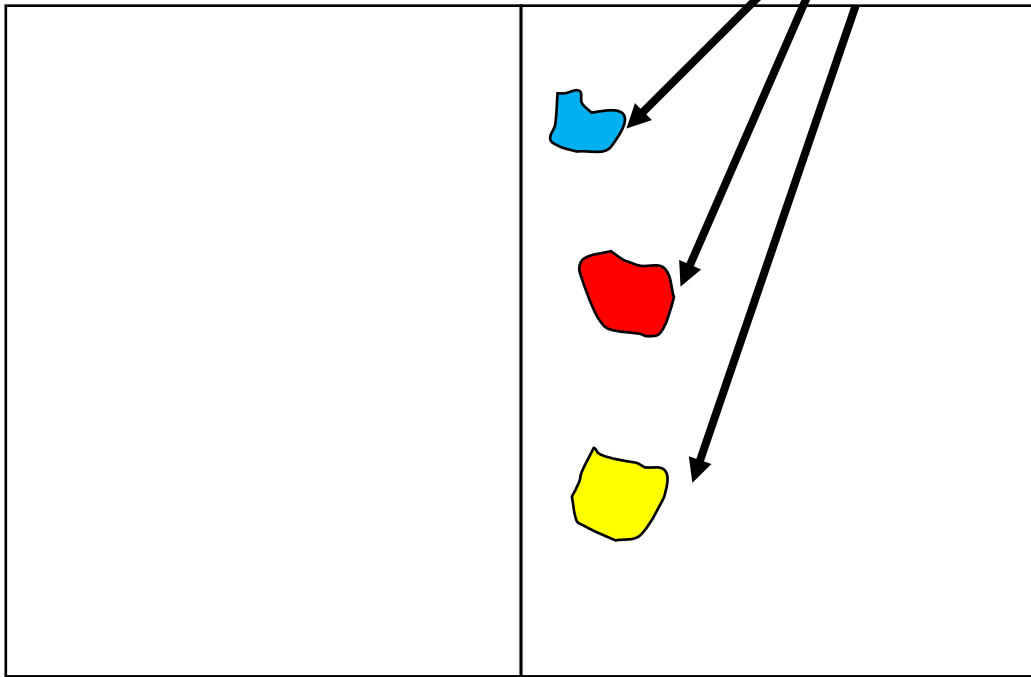
This is a good art lesson to integrate with the theme of symmetry in maths.

1. Fold a sheet of art paper, either A4 or A3, in two and open out flat again.
2. Pour blobs of paint straight from the bottle near the fold on only one half of the sheet. In the example below, three colours have been used. However, lots of colours can be used, just make sure not to use too much paint as it can spill out over the edge of the paper when spread.
3. Fold over the sheet again.
4. Working from the fold towards the open side of the sheet, smooth over the page with the flat of the hand to spread the paint towards the edge. You can smooth out your hand in different directions so that the paints mix to create new colours. You may need to hold tight on the side of the fold with one hand while doing this.
5. Carefully, open the page again and allow the painting to dry.
6. Each sheet will give a different shape depending on the amount of paint used and how well spread the paint was.
7. Don't forget to allow the pupils to give a name to their prints – this will lead to interesting discussions. Display the prints with names attached.

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Directions

Blobs of paint on one half of the folded sheet, near the fold



Folded side



Spread paint in this direction

Open side

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Example 1



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Example 2



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