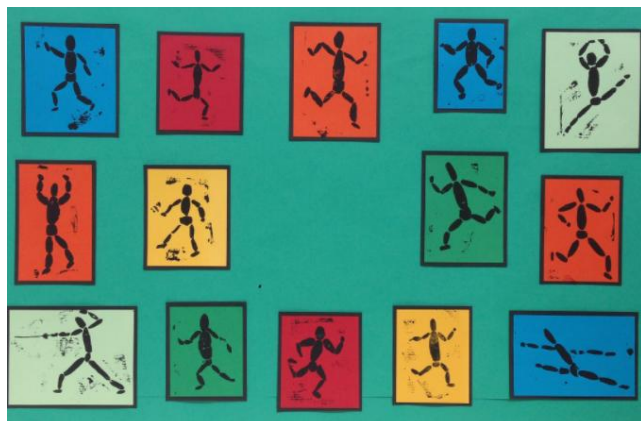


Fingerpainting Sports Pictograms



What are Sports Pictograms?

The first Olympic Games sport pictograms were introduced at the Tokyo 1964 Games. Every edition of the Games since has had its own set of pictograms depicting each of the sports. They are an easy way to communicate each event in a visual way to increasingly international group of athletes and spectators.

Required Materials

- Sugar Paper cut into suitable sizes for children's fingers (12 small pieces).
- Finger paint pad (4 – 1 between 3) OR washable paint in shallow containers or palettes (12).
- Wipes (36) OR hand washing station with soap.
- Glue stick (4).

Preparation and how to do it

Before the session, cut out the sugar paper into suitable sizes (between A5 and A6). Keep one large piece of paper for everyone to stick their finished fingerpaintings on. Find some inspiration for the figures. This could be in the form of the icons from previous Commonwealth Games¹ or from Tokyo 2020².

Start with an introduction to the Commonwealth Games and the pictograms which represent each sport. You could use this example from the Tokyo opening ceremony <https://youtu.be/l9uVg-feZoM> where a group of performers recreate all fifty pictograms in just over five minutes. You could ask the children whether there is a sport that they'd really like to paint.

Distribute the materials and start fingerpainting. As each person finishes, have them bring their finished painting to the large piece of sugar paper and glue it on. Alternatively, bring the paper to them.

Display the finished paintings!

¹ Gold Coast 2018: <https://i.pinimg.com/originals/7b/27/31/7b273170ffbb07ef0d4aaa4907750543.png>

² Tokyo 2020: <https://olympics.com/en/news/tokyo-2020-unveils-games-pictograms>