

invitation to play

**A guide for play and learning
in the Museum...**



Studio



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Invitation

Use string as a tool for painting. Dip a string into a container of paint. What types of lines will you create as your string dances across the paper? Try folding a piece of paper in half and pulling the string through the shut paper. What do you notice when you open the paper?

Significance

Painting with string invites creativity, problem solving, and experimentation. Folding the paper in half and pulling the string through the shut paper introduces concepts of symmetry important for both art and mathematics.

At Home Activity Tape lines

Materials

- Masking tape
- Optional: vehicles, stuffed animals



Activity description

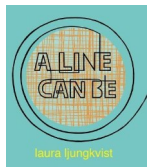
Create interesting line designs on the floor using masking tape. Decide where the line will start and where it will end. Perhaps your line will create a shape, a letter or even a path for stuffed animals to walk or vehicles to drive.

Learning significance

Creating tape lines with a beginning and an end invites children to think about sequencing. This is a helpful tool for planning and an important literacy concept as stories have a beginning, middle, and end. Driving cars over the lines or moving stuffed animals across the path, promotes eye-hand coordination.

Book Suggestions

1. *A Line Can Be* by Laura Ljungkvist
2. *Lines that Wiggle* by Candace Whitman
3. *Harold and the Purple Crayon* by Crockett Johnson



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