

A Little Squirt?

What you need:

- A selection of empty washing-up liquid bottles with their nozzles.
- Water.
- Outdoor Space.



What you do:

- If practical, show the children how to fill the bottles themselves offering a variety of vessels to do so. Encourage them to squirt their patterns onto the space available.
- How far can they make the water go? What happens as the water in the bottle gets less? Can the children write their name before the bottle runs out of water? Can you write a letter of the alphabet and can the rest of your group guess what it is?
- Model a range of patterns and marks for the children to try out and then encourage them to think of patterns and marks of their own for you to try out!
- What happens to the marks when the sun comes out?

Further possibilities:

- Put out some plain paper - old rolls of wallpaper will do. Fill the bottles with thin paint or coloured ink. Use them to make patterns on the paper.
- Offer some inspiration. Obtain some pictures of the work of Jackson Pollock to show the children and use for comparison. You might be surprised at the similarities!