

Art

- The child learns about different textures and patterns by using natural materials such as sticks and twigs for wattle painting.
- Color mixing and blending can be explored as the child uses different colors of paint to create their wattle design.
- The activity encourages creativity and self-expression as the child decides how to arrange the sticks and use the paint.
- The child may also learn about the natural world by discussing where the materials for the activity come from and how they are used in traditional crafts.

After the wattle painting activity, encourage the child to continue exploring nature-inspired art by going on a nature walk to collect different materials for future art projects. Encourage them to look for inspiration in their surroundings and use their imagination to create unique pieces of art.

Book Recommendations

- [The Mixed-Up Chameleon](#) by Eric Carle: This vibrant and colorful book introduces children to the concept of blending and mixing colors through a chameleon's adventures.
- [The Art Lesson](#) by Tomie dePaola: This book tells the story of a young boy who learns about the importance of self-expression and creativity in art class.
- [Mouse Paint](#) by Ellen Stoll Walsh: This engaging story follows three white mice who discover jars of paint and start playing with colors, leading to a fun learning experience about color mixing.

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