DIY ART-MAKING: CLOUDS

Did you know that clouds represent fortune and peace in Tibetan art?

This painting shows us clouds painted in a traditional Tibetan style. It can be seen in the Rubin Museum’s Masterworks exhibition.

MAKE YOUR OWN CLOUDS

Use soap, a microwave, and food coloring to create your own colorful clouds!

MATERIALS

- Ivory soap
- Microwave
- Microwaveable plate or paper plate
- Food coloring (watered down) & an eye dropper

INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1
Place soap onto a microwaveable plate & put into microwave. Microwave for 1-2 minutes (it will stop expanding after about 2 minutes).

Step 2
Carefully remove plate from microwave (plate will be hot) & let cool for a few minutes before letting children handle the soap.

Step 3
(Optional) Add color! First water down some food coloring and then use an eye dropper to add the color to the clouds. Watch as the color seeps through the clouds!

Step 4
Have a full sensory experience while you examine the soap by shaping it, squishing it, pulling it apart, & smelling it!