



Activity Idea

Activity	Fireworks with Paint
Main Focus	Shape

Activity Plan

Resour	ces
	Toilet rolls
	Scissors
	Paints in saucers
• •	Black paper

Activity

Talk to the children about fireworks displays they may have seen. What colours did they see? What shapes? How did they move through the sky? If children haven't seen a fireworks display or can't remember show them a video. Ask the same questions as they are watching.

Snip the toilet roll about a third of the way up in a straight line, continue around the toilet roll leaving a 1cm gap. Repeat with additional toilet rolls and vary the gaps. Fold the strips out to a 90-degree angle.

Dip the toilet roll in the paint and make a pattern on the paper. Ask the children if they can see the firework pattern. Repeat with different colours to make a pattern. Encourage the children to make their own patterns with different colours and sizes. Make sure to use mathematical language throughout and encourage the children to describe what they are creating.