

Reviews for *The Big Messy Art Book*

Education Otherwise

This is a great book for families who really enjoy art activities. There are many ideas for simple paint-based activities – each is given a ‘messy’ and ‘complexity’ rating. The emphasis on fun rather than on creating masterpieces is refreshing – even the youngest child will find the challenges manageable. Be warned though, there are suggestions for painting the lawn with acrylics... not for the faint hearted!

Karen McIntyre Bhatti with Holly (5) and Hamish (3)

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Thank you for the copy of *The Big Messy Art Book*. The children I mind and I love messy play. We shall try everything in the book. May their mums forgive me!

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‘But Easy to Clean Up’ runs the subtitle. Hmmm. The author says the book is a compilation of experiences that may take a bit more time to set up, ‘might make a splatter or two on the floor and leave a sticky bucket to rinse out’, but the creative process and artistic experiences far outweigh the extra effort.

Activities include: hair dryer painting, bubble painting, doormat prints, drip and fold with a friend, rope painting and toilet paper play day. Projects such as ‘living pendulum art’ and ‘skate-n-paint’ are for the truly adventurous – teacher that is.

As with the author’s other books, projects are graded for experience, preparation time and, in this case, messiness.