

# Sidewalk Chalk

**Age: 18-36 months**

## What's needed

Powdered tempera paint  
Water  
Plaster of Paris  
Small paper cups  
Measuring cup



## What to do

1. Use sidewalk chalk or make your own chalk to have large, easy to hold pieces.

### Chalk Recipe:

Mix together 2 tablespoons of powdered tempera paint,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of water and 3 tablespoons of plaster of Paris. Pour the mixture into a small paper cup and let harden. After an hour or so, peel off the cup.

For a homemade chalkboard, spray several coats of special chalkboard paint (sold at hobby or paint stores) on a piece of cardboard. When dry, border the edges with colorful cloth tape.

## What children will learn

Creative expression, precursor to using pens and pencils for writing