

7 simple steps to a *fabulous* face painting party

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THAT'S ME!

1 allow enough time

"I can paint 75 kids in 1 hour," said no face painter, ever.

Hop in the chair.

What would you like to be today?

Glitter? Lipstick? Gems?

Glance in the mirror.

Out of the chair.

Next customer!

Time adds up.

4-5 minutes a child (up to 15 kids/hour) is a great rule of thumb!



2 where do I put the face painter?

Against a wall, so I'm not surrounded and stepping on little toes. And near a great light source, so I can see all the pretty colors I'm using and faces I'm painting!

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3 “When is it gonna be my turn?”

Kids hate waiting, so why make them? Keep a list of names going so they can play while they wait. Kids who have just been painted love playing detective to find the next kid on the list.



4 spark imagination

Some kids know what they want; some need a little prompting. I like to have a menu of choices on hand in case kids want suggestions. Kids who may be a little shy (after all, they’ve just met me) can point to what they want.



5 sensitive faces

A lot of kids prefer arm painting to face painting, and that’s okay! If a kid seems anxious, I’ll always offer to paint their arm. Pretty much anything on my menu can be translated as an arm painting.



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6 be ready for the painter

Paints, sponges, brushes, water container, glitter, bling, mirror, wipes: I have a serious kit! An adult-height table that's big enough to fit everything (at least 2x2') is crucial. And two chairs: one for the child and one for me!

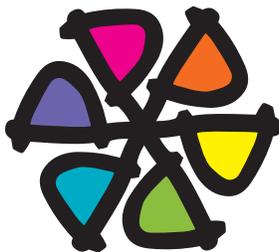


7 balloon backup

When a few guests don't show, it's great to have alternatives. Glitter tattoos last several days, and balloon animals are always a hit!

party on,

Julie 😊



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