

## Mark Making Sequin Giant Dinosaurs

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These tactile dinosaurs, with a sparkly and engaging surface, will delight and engage children in your setting. The sequined fabric is encased in a wooden frame. The surface encourages a sense of curiosity whilst supporting fine motor skills. Imagine having treasure like dinosaurs on your wall that you could stroke their sequined surfaces and change their colour. A lovely addition to walls, corridors, sensory spaces and more.

- You could create a dazzling dinosaur interactive display for your children. Incorporate the grass, dragonflies and butterflies to create a truly explorative scene. The reveal and discovery of what is beneath the sequins encourages children to build on their curiosity. You could use your own accessories (risk assess) such as artificial foliage, sticks and branches.
- These beautiful sequined dinosaurs can support children's mark making skills as the children can isolate their individual digits or stroke the material with their full hands. Why not provide children with a variety of different tools such as brushes, the end of a wooden spoon, a stick etc.
- Imagine creating a dinosaur provocation with these sparkly creatures. You could use a variety of different dinosaur stories such as 'Dinosaurs in the Supermarket' by Timothy Knapman or 'Tyrannosaurus Drip' by Julia Donaldson for children to retell stories and further their early literacy skills.
- These dinosaurs offer an opportunity to enrich children's learning experiences by opening discussions about the world around us, growth and decay. Perhaps the children may create their own dinosaur bones and fossils from salt dough or clay developing their motor skills as they manipulate the material.
- Why not sing songs about the dinosaurs. You could change the lyrics to songs such as instead of 'Walking through the jungle' you could sing 'Walking through the swamp...what do you see? I think I see a Triceratops!' Encourage the children to make different sounds for each dinosaur and to move differently too. Some dinosaurs may move very loudly with big stomps whilst others may tiptoe very quietly. Encourage the children to think about the different tones of sounds to develop their early literacy skills.
- Some children will just enjoy stroking the sequins as it is very therapeutic and soothing. You could create a dinosaur cosy area where children can retreat if they have become overwhelmed in their environment. Accessorise the area with cosy cushions and blankets (risk assess) for the children to cuddle into.

