

Handprint of Flowers

This makes a great gift.

Needed: 4" clay pot for each child
large clay pot for you to keep in your yard
Tempra or water based paints - have the children pick their favorite color
sponge painter or larger brush to paint the children's hands
potting soil
plants or flowers that will grow in a 4" pot
container of water to wash hands
permanent marker

Write the child's name on the bottom of their pots before you start.

Determine hand placement on pot before you begin painting: Have each child place their hand on the pot with their fingers spread out. This will also help the child understand what to do.

Paint one hand of child using the sponge painter or the paint brush. With their fingers spread out, place painted hand on their pot and gently help them apply light pressure to all the fingers and palm to leave a good print. Paint the same hand again and place hand on the large pot the same way. Wash and dry hands. When paint dries write the child's name by their hand print on the pots with a permanent marker. Then plant flowers in the pots. Give the smaller pot to the parent. Place the larger pot outside in yard at child care.

Variation: If pots are big enough, repeat the above process with other hand and place on pot too.

The parents will LOVE this gift and the children will LOVE to look at their colored print in the yard at child care!!