Want to enjoy Tiny Thursdays at home? Explore a DAI artwork, watch a virtual read-aloud story and then follow along with project instructions found below!

**Paint-Stamped Aliens!**

**Description:** young artists learn about why aliens love underpants and create a fashionable garment for their own alien to wear using cutting, stamping and painting skills.

**Story:** “Aliens Love Underpants” written by Claire Freedman and illustrated by Ben Cart, (Simon and Schuster Children’s UK; 2017).

**Let’s Talk about this Artwork!**

- What kind of artwork is this? A painting or picture or sculpture?
- Look for the clothes hanging on the laundry line to dry.
  - What items do you recognize?
  - Do any of your clothes look like these?
- Does this family live in the country or the city?
  - What do you see that makes you think that?
- How do you imagine the artist made this artwork?
- What time of day is it?
  - What do you see that makes you say that?

Supplies Needed
1) Four: acrylic paint colors
2) Two: construction paper, contrasting colors
3) Scissors
4) Oil pastels or crayons
5) Masking tape
6) Three: recycled items in basic shapes (circle, square, triangle or rectangle)

Optional Supplies
7) Glue stick
8) Palette paper or recycled lid for paint

Project Instructions
1) Cut a rectangle out of construction paper. Fold the top left corner across to the opposite edge and cut off excess to make a square.

2) Take square and fold edges together. Use oil pastel to draw a curved line along an open corner at least an inch away from fold. Cut on the line to cut this shape away. Unfold and trim to desired underwear shape.

3) Place the underwear on a larger, contrasting piece of construction paper and draw an alien body with oil pastel. Use an oil pastel color close to the color you would like to paint your alien’s skin.

Project Skills
1) Fine / Gross Motor:
   a) Painting / stamping
   b) Cutting
   c) Gluing
   d) Drawing
2) Language development
   a) Expressive: speaking
   b) Receptive: listening
   c) Discussing
3) Shape identification
4) 21st-Century:
   a) Creativity
   b) Problem-solving
   c) Collaborating

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4) Remove underpants from larger sheet. Finger-paint the alien’s body. Set aside to dry.

5) Use palette paper or lid for the stamping paint. We used a toilet paper roll for a circle and part of a sponge for a square. Dip stamps in paint then apply to paper underpants. Repeat process using a different color paint with your square stamp.

6) Find or create a triangle or rectangle shape and paint with third color. Set aside to dry.

7) Once dry, use a glue stick to attach the underpants to your alien.

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8) Use oil pastels to create alien’s face.

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