SILLY STRING DRAWING

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In this activity we will create a unique, unpredictable pattern with paint and string to use as a beginning for an imaginative drawing.

Materials needed:
- Liquid paint or ink (can be watercolor, tempera or acrylic)
- Paint brush
- String (try lengths of 12" to 18"
- Paper
- Pens or pencils for developing drawing.

Directions

1. Mix up your paint in a small container or paint tray so that it is as thin as possible but still dark enough to make a mark – test this on scrap paper first.

Submerge 3/4 of a piece of string into the paint, leaving a paint-free end to hold on to.
2. Lay your paint-soaked string onto a sheet of folded paper, letting it drape into a simple shape.

3. Fold the paper so that paint-soaked string is inside, put your hand carefully and firmly over the top of the string area, and pull the string back and forth and out. This takes some practice, so try on scrap paper first! Parents may need to assist younger kids with this part.

4. Once you have a pattern you like, look at it for a while, decide what it can turn into and then draw into it with ink, colored pencils, or more paint...you could even write a story about your imaginary creation.

These look like open mouths -
Here is another example: Rather strange, don’t you agree?
I think I would name him Waldo.

With this one I did not fold the paper, I lay another sheet over the top to create a larger creature.
On folded paper – they HAVE to be birds!

Thank you for joining me for the creative adventure!