Preschoolers love the bright colours of tie-dye, but breaking out the dye with young children can be very difficult. Creating "tie-dye" baby wipes gives preschoolers the opportunity to work on colour recognition and fine motor skills while creating a smaller, less messy version of the tie-dyed t-shirt. This activity also lends itself to the kindergarten math concept of patterning. Add a pipe cleaner and you’ve got an instant flag for pretend play!

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Help your child tightly twist and roll the baby wipe until it's about the width of a pencil. They can simply roll it from top to bottom or twist it from the middle to make the traditional sunburst pattern.
2. Wrap the rolled baby wipe with rubber bands every 2-3cm. Encourage your child to help as much as possible with this step, but be ready to assist. Wrapping rubber bands can be tricky for little fingers.
3. Have your child use water based textas to colour in the parts of the baby wipe not covered by rubber bands. Encourage them to colour all of the exposed baby wipe. The more colors used, the better it will look.
4. Have your child remove the rubber bands and untwist the wipe.

Celebrate your beautiful tie-dyed piece of art! You can frame the baby wipe by gluing it onto a piece of construction paper for a refrigerator-worthy finish.

**Tie-dye is a great opportunity to teach her about patterning. Start with a simple ABAB pattern (i.e. red, yellow, red, yellow). Get your child involved by asking them to predict which colour should come next.**

**On your child’s next tie-dye baby wipe, challenge them to come up with their own patterns. They will have fun making a unique project and learning at the same time!**