4th of July Firework Art

Fireworks have been a major part of our 4th of July festivities for years. What better way to get in the spirit of Independence Day than by creating your own firework artwork? In this activity, we will show you 3 different ways to make fireworks!

1. Gather materials:
   - 2-3 Cardboard Rolls
   - Bendy Straws
   - Rubber Bands
   - Cardstock / Copy Paper
   - Plastic / Paper Plates
   - Tempera / Acrylic Paint
   - Marbles / Small Bouncy Balls
   - Plastic Tray (optional)
   - Paper Towels
   - Scissors

2. Squeeze some paint out onto three separate paper plates, one color for each plate. You may also add some water to help saturate the color and spread the paint out.
This activity can be done in three different ways, with cardboard rolls, plastic straws, or marbles/small bouncy balls! Which way would you like to try first?

For the cardboard rolls, start by cutting 1-1.5 inch slits all around the rim of each roll to create a fringe effect.

Lightly bend each of the slits outward to make it look like an exploding firework.

Dab each roll onto a plate of paint, then use them to create firework starbursts on your paper.
7. For the second option, take about 6-10 plastic bendy straws and connect them together using a rubber band. Bend the straws in one direction, then spread them out to look like a firework.

8. Dip the straw-made paintbrush into the paint and onto your paper and repeat for each color to create a colorful explosion!

9. For the third option, dip a marble or bouncy ball into paint, then place it on your paper to create a small/medium sized dot.
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Roll the marble/bouncy ball back and forth while trying to make it pass through the dot where it first started.

PRO-TIP:
Use a tray underneath your paper to keep marble/ball from flying off the table.

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Now you have some unique and colorful firework art to get you in the 4th of July spirit!