

Hand Print Rulers

This is an activity for one or more people.

Goal: To make a ruler with your handprints and use it as a measuring tool

You will need:

- Paper
- Scissors
- Tape or glue

You might use:

- Pencils, crayons, or markers
- Paint

What to do:

- Make four or more images of your handprint. You might place your hand on paper, trace around it, and color in your handprint. You might dip your palm and fingers in paint and stamp an image of your hand on paper.
- Cut out the images of your handprint.
- Tape the handprints together in a line.
- Use your handprint ruler to find objects that are larger, smaller, and about the same size as your handprint ruler. Find an object that is as long as one handprint; as long as two handprints.
- If more than one person makes a handprint ruler, compare the size of your handprint ruler to their handprint ruler. What do you notice?

Other things to try:

- Make a footprint ruler with the same number of feet that you used when you made your hand print ruler. Measure objects with both rulers. What do you notice?

