

# Paletteballet

An interactive children's painting kit

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All the boundaries in our life start in childhood. We are all curbed from doing things which we like to do, things that we are naturally curious about.

We are constantly given instructions on how to conduct ourselves. We start using products in the way in which we are told to use them.

As time passes we dream small, we yearn for approval of others and lose the free mind with which we are born.





# I dreamt of...

Making a painting kit that is devoid of any boundaries.

Which sets free the beautiful mind of a child.



# I started with...

Observing children play, create things and paint.  
We saw that they are filled with much enthusiasm  
and playfulness.

They experiment with everything. They find new  
ways to use a toy.





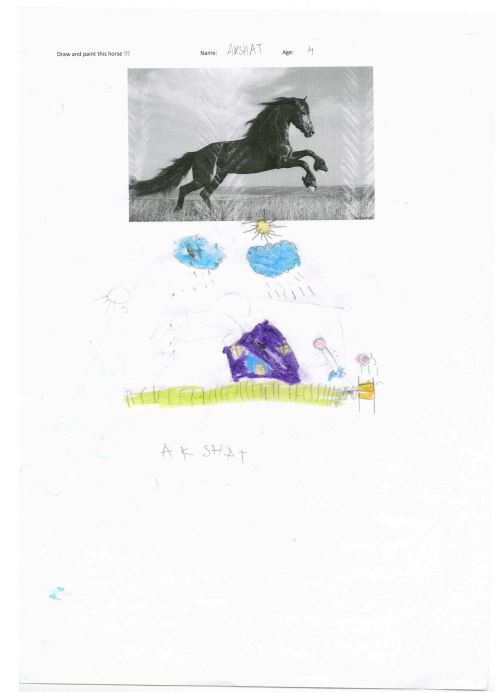
# I understood that...

The painting kit that we design should not restrict the child to use it in a particular way.

It should make the child explore more ways of painting.

The creation should be unique.

The art done by one child is incomparable to that of others.



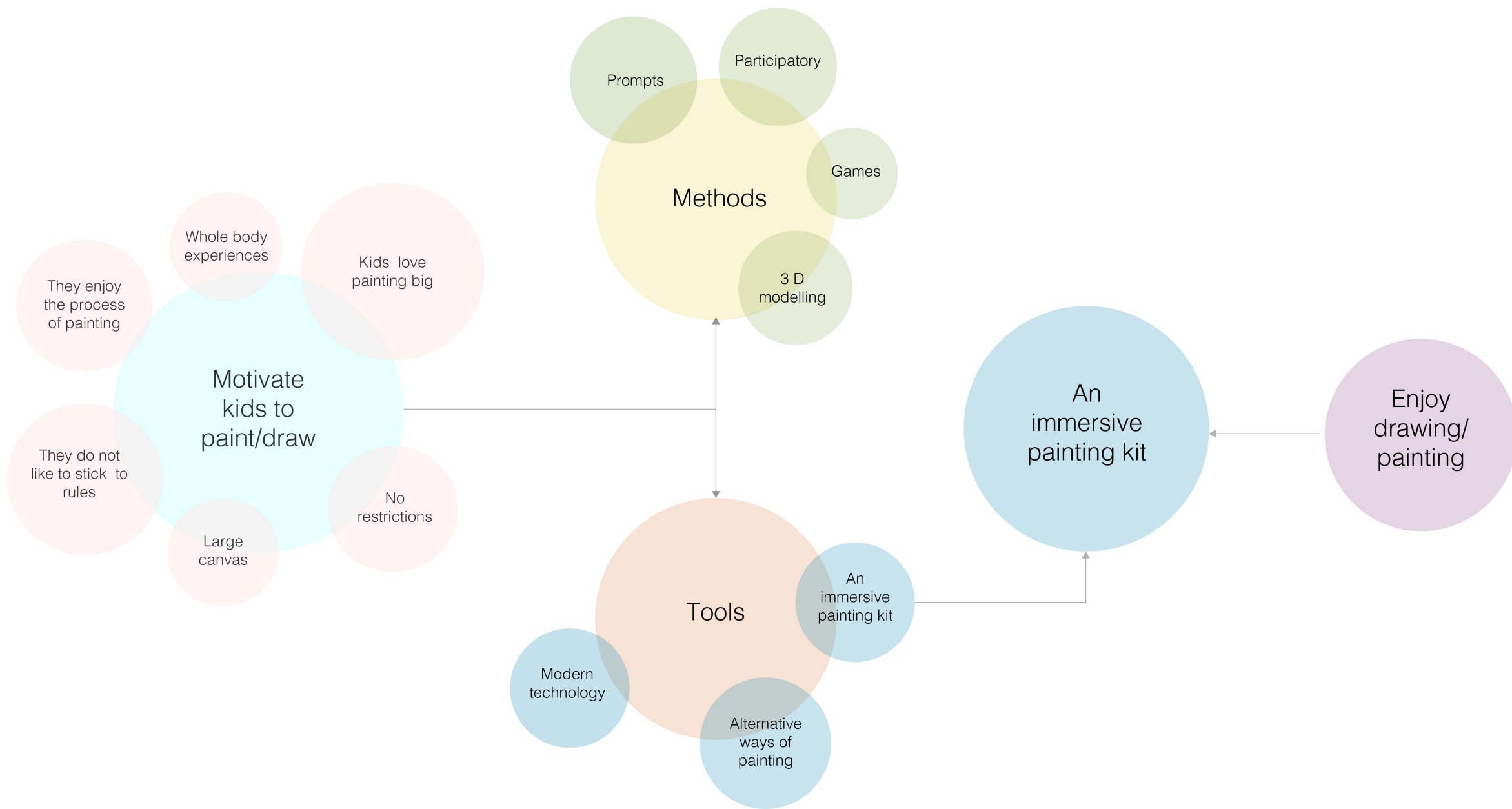


# The product should...

Make the child play and experiment with colours so that it motivates the child to paint again and again.













# How I created it...

Channapatna is a handicraft town in Karnataka, India.

They make eco friendly toys with wood and coat it with natural lacquer.

I got the product made with artisans of Channapatna.

They create all their products by performing a turning operation on the wood on a lathe machine.











I modified the initial sketches to adjust for their simple, native method of manufacturing without losing sight of our goal and purpose of the product.



# Mother Nature

The forms of the pigment containers are inspired from elements of nature. Those being the Ladybug, Orange, Tree, Water droplet and Penguin.





# Put some colour...

Shake the container to get the powder out of the box.





# Create your own...

Children undertake multiple trials to create a unique blend of colour.

Mixing colours together is a great learning exercise, to understand how colours interact with each other.







# It's a small world

The brush is designed to be stout and short for better grip and dexterity.



# Spin and Splash

Spinner is one of the tools through which we can paint.

The spinner is not just limited to the spinning action, it can be used in multiple ways.









# Pack and go...

The bag has compartments for holding the components in place securely.

It has additional space for keeping other items like papers and water bottle.





# It's All Natural

Milky wood "*Wrightia tinctoria*" is used to make all the components.

Natural colour and lacquer is used as coating.

The bag is made of naturally occurring jute.





# Time to try it out!!!

It was done with the same group of children who took part in the earlier workshop





























# Conclusion

Every painting made using the kit will be unique in its own respect and there will not be any unifying parameter to judge any painting.

The whole experience of painting will be very playful, which will motivate children to do and explore more and more. Children will get the freedom to explore and get a wide variety of colours.

It gives children a new medium to learn and experiment with art in a unique way and on their own terms.





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