Tire Track Tees

Whether you're in the market for a rainy day boredom buster or an activity for a Cars-themed party, this fabric decorating technique is one kids are sure to get revved up about. Using a small tire, such as a lawn mower replacement tire or a wheel from a large toy dump truck, you can leave striking patterns of tracks on tired old T's.

YOU'LL NEED:

- Newspaper
- T-shirt
- Cardboard
- Wooden dowel or long handle wooden spoon
- Small replacement tire or large toy truck wheel
- 2 rubber bands
- Black fabric paint
- Paper plate
- Foam brush

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Cover your work surface with newspaper to protect it.
2. Place the T-shirt flat on the newspaper and insert a piece of cardboard between the front and back layers to keep the paint from bleeding through.
3. Insert a dowel or the handle of a wooden spoon through the center of the tire. If the handle isn't thick enough to keep the tire from sliding back and forth, wrap a rubber band around the wood on each side of the hub.
4. Pour some fabric paint on a paper plate. Use the foam brush to apply paint to the tire treads all the way around.
5. Now have your child take a practice run or two by rolling the tire across newspaper to see how the prints look. Once he gets the hang of it, apply more paint to the tire, and he's ready to print tracks on the shirt. He can print a pair of tracks, like the ones on the shirts shown here, or cover the fabric with a crisscross of prints.
6. Allow the paint to dry thoroughly before removing the cardboard. Then heat set the paint according to the manufacturer's directions.

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ABOUT THE MOVIE

Star racecar Lightning McQueen (voice of Owen Wilson) and the incomparable tow truck Mater (voice of Larry the Cable Guy) take their friendship to exciting new places in “Cars 2” when they head overseas to compete in the first-ever World Grand Prix to determine the world’s fastest car. But the road to the championship is filled with plenty of potholes, detours and hilarious surprises when Mater gets caught up in an intriguing adventure of his own: international espionage. Mater finds himself torn between assisting Lightning McQueen in the high-profile race and towing the line in a top-secret mission orchestrated by master British super spy Finn McMissile (voice of Michael Caine) and the stunning rookie field spy Holley Shiftwell (voice of Emily Mortimer). Mater’s action-packed journey leads him on an explosive chase through the streets of Japan and Europe, trailed by his friends and watched by the whole world. The fast-paced fun includes a colorful new all-car cast, complete with menacing villains and international racing competitors.

John Lasseter returns to the driver’s seat to direct this follow-up to his 2006 Golden Globe®-winning “Cars.” “Cars 2” is co-directed by Brad Lewis, producer of the Oscar®-winning film “Ratatouille,” and produced by visual effects industry veteran Denise Ream (associate producer, “Up”; visual effects executive producer, “Star Wars: Episode III – Revenge of the Sith”). The film hits the track on June 24, 2011, and will be presented in Disney Digital 3D™ and IMAX® 3D in select theaters.

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