Finger Paint
With a batch of this quick and easy paint (which keeps in air-tight containers), you can turn your young artist loose on newsprint or in the bathtub at a moment’s notice.

INGREDIENTS
2 tablespoons sugar
1/3 cup cornstarch
2 cups cold water
1/4 cup clear dishwashing liquid
Food coloring (for vibrant colors, use food coloring paste)

1. Mix the sugar and cornstarch in a small pan, then slowly add the water.
2. Cook over low heat, stirring until the mixture becomes a smooth, almost clear gel (about 5 minutes).
3. When the mixture is cool, stir in the dish-washing liquid. Scoop equal amounts into several containers and stir in the food coloring.
4. This paint contains dish soap, so it dissolves in water — which makes it perfect for bathtub finger painting.

(Test to be sure bright paints won’t leave residue; most come clean with a powdered cleanser.)