

Toilet Paper & Non-Toilet Paper

Hi Kids! I'm Toot the Toilet. I'm a Pipe Protector!

You know, people flush lots of different things down the toilet. Some things are supposed to go down the drain and others are not. But it can be really difficult to tell the difference. It's especially hard to know what happens to all that stuff after we flush it. That's because we never get to see that stuff again once it goes down the drain.

Here's an activity you can do that is designed to help us actually see what happens to our toilet paper (and other kinds of paper) after we flush them.

FIRST, make sure you have all of the items you will need for this activity:



2 clear plastic or glass containers with lids. Recycled food containers work great! You can use a cleaned jar of: peanut butter, or salsa, or jam, or tomato sauce, or milk, or juice.



1 square of toilet paper.



1 equal-sized piece of paper product that is not designed for the toilet. This could be a tissue, a napkin, a paper towel, a disinfectant wipe, etc.



(optional) **Scissors.** You may want to cut your paper towel, napkin, etc. so that it's the same size as a square of toilet paper.



Water.



Pen, colored pencils, crayons, or markers for sketching.

Getting Set Up



NEXT, prepare your materials for the activity:



Prepare your containers.

To prepare your containers, wash them and remove enough of the label so that you can see clearly into them.



Fill your containers.
Fill both containers half-way with water and seal with the lid.



Check for leaks.

Make sure they are watertight. Give each container a shake to make sure that water does not spill out of them.



Collect your things.
Gather your Toilet Paper, your "Non-Toilet" Paper, and your sketching supplies.