

# Fly Swatters Aren't Just for Swatting Flies

If all you've been using your fly swatter for is to swat flies with you've been missing out. Fly swatters actually have a couple of other uses that are pretty fun for kids and adults too if you happen to be in a playful mood!

Just make sure the ones you use have never been used to swat a fly with because nobody wants to touch fly guts!



### **Balloon Badminton**

Fly swatters make great paddles for a fun game of balloon badminton. Give each child a new fly swatter and have them take turns hitting a balloon to each other. If the balloon drops, the child who hit it scores a point. Whoever has the most points at the end of the game is the winner.

#### **Fly Swatter Painting**

Using fly swatters instead of paint brushes is a fun but messy way for kids to paint so this activity is best done outdoors. Simply cover your table with a large piece of paper, fill pie tins or paper plates with paint and let the kids dip their fly swatters in the paint and start swatting away. There you have it fly swatter painting!

#### **Bubble Maker**

The next time you let the kids play with bubbles replace their wands with fly swatters. Then have them dip the fly swatters in trays filled with bubble solution. Not only will they make lots of tiny bubbles as they swish them through the air, they can also swat them. Just make sure they don't swat each other!

## **Fly Swatter Golf**

Using your fly Swatter as a golf club, to putt a ball, plastic golf ball or ping pong ball into an empty tin can, cardboard box, under a table, or between two posts or in a net. You can really adapt this for whatever you have on hand. If you have a few kids, have races to see who can get a goal first.

Enjoy! Can you think of any other ways to use Fly Swatters that doesn't involve swatting flies?

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