



The Arts at Home

Toddlers (15 mos. - 3 yrs.)

How Children Learn

Toddlers enjoy the sensory aspects of art and use their growing fine and gross motor skills to explore new ways of making and experiencing art.

Activities & Experiences

Provide different types of paper for your child to rip up and glue onto another piece of paper.

Cover the floor, wall, or table with paper or cardboard for children to paint or draw on.

Using water and a drop of food coloring, fill shallow cups for your child to paint on coffee filters, doilies, paper towels or other materials.

Create a mural using sticky paper (i.e. contact paper, shelf paper) and cut-up yarn.

Cut out pictures of face parts (eyes, ears, nose, mouth, eyebrows) for children to explore and glue, noting similarities/differences to their own characteristics.

How can we support exploration and social-emotional learning?

- Use specific vocabulary to describe the objects that your child is exploring.
- Write down what your child says about their artwork on a separate piece of paper.
- Respond to your child's spontaneous imaginative play through art (i.e. ask questions to expand on their own ideas).

The glue is so sticky on your hands!

Tell me about your artwork.

Who lives in the house that you painted?