



The Arts at Home

Preschoolers (3-5 yrs.)

How Children Learn

Preschoolers use the arts to explore sensation and to consolidate their understandings of the world around them, often using their imaginations and expressing their emotions through their work.

Activities & Experiences

Provide child safety scissors for your child to cut different types of paper and create a collage along with other materials (feathers, yarn, cotton balls, etc.).

Tape paper on top of leaves, stencils, etc. for your child to color over with the side of a crayon and discover what happens.

Provide a range of art materials (paint, sponges, yarn, paper, boxes) and allow your child to explore and create.

Make ice cubes using water and food coloring, and allow your child to "paint" with and explore the ice cubes as they melt onto absorbent paper towels.

Provide crayons, pencils, markers, or pens and blank paper for drawing/writing.

How can we support exploration and social-emotional learning?

- Discuss the process rather than the product (ex. ask about the materials, point out colors or shapes).
- Help your child make a plan for their work by asking open-ended questions, and recognize that this plan may change as the process unfolds.
- Help your child make predictions and observations and solve problems that arise during art.

How did you get the feathers to stick to the paper?

What materials will you use?

Yes, you noticed the paper is not sticking. What could we do to help it stick?