

COLOR MY WORLD

HOME ACTIVITIES



“Why is the sky blue?” “I only want to wear purple.”
“How many colors do birds come in?”

Colors are a fascination, and sometimes a fixation, for many kiddos. A love for tints, hues, and shades makes sense...as our world is a colorful place. Join in your child’s color intrigue by making all kinds of vibrant artwork and crafts, and solving colorful puzzles together. You’ll find yourself appreciating more than ever the perfect pigments Mother Nature has provided.

A COLORFUL ART GALLERY

GET STARTED: Make Colorful Artworks for Display

One place we can count on imaginative uses of color is an art museum. So why not make your own gallery at home? You and your child can make stained glass artworks to hang on sunny windows. And you can give a nod to the 1960s by creating tie-dye masterpieces to display anywhere in your home that needs a “pop” of color.

Stained Glass Pasta - What You’ll Need:



Tap the icon to view step-by-step instructions for making tie-dye wipes.

Tie-Dye Wipes - What You’ll Need:



Tap the icon to view step-by-step instructions for making stained glass pasta.



Now it's time to add some personal touches to the colorful gallery you've got going. What's the best way to do that? By creating fingerprint and handprint (or even footprint) art, of course! Warning: There might be a bit of a colorful mess to clean up. But it's worth it!

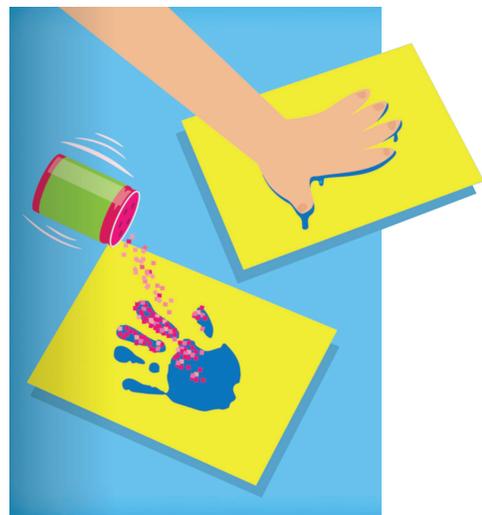
HOMEMADE MASTERPIECES

SING ALONG: "The Color Song"

Start the music and enjoy singing, jumping, and waving along to the lyrics. Then, get busy making more art. You can add your own verses to the song, featuring more colors and actions related to what you are doing. Once your colorful creativity is ready to put on display, add it to your gallery.



Tap the icon to listen to Kindermusik's "The Color Song."



Handprint Art

What you'll need:

- Paintbrush
- Glitter or colorful sand
- Fingerprint
- Paper

What you'll do:

Paint palm and fingers.

Press hand onto paper to leave a full handprint.

Rinse and dry your hands. While the paint is still wet and sticky, sprinkle glitter or colorful sand onto the paper.

When the paint is dry, gently shake the paper over a waste basket to remove the excess.



Fingerprint Art

What you'll need:

- Colored ink stamp pads
- Paper

What you'll do:

Press fingertip into ink pad, then press it onto paper.

Be creative! Experiment with different pressures, etc.

Now let's take the colorful show outside! If you already have sidewalk chalk, perfect. If not, you and your child can make your own! Take your phone or laptop outside with you so you can groove to a peppy tune as you create beautiful images together.

CHALK IT UP



Let's Make...Sidewalk Chalk!

This recipe will make small chalk pieces, shaped just right for toddler-sized hands. Make as many batches as you have paint colors!

What you'll need:

- Small plastic containers (disposable)
- Plaster of paris
- Non-stick cooking spray
- Plastic mixing spoons
- Tempera paint
- Ice cube tray
- Warm water

What you'll do:

1. In a small container, mix 2-3 tablespoons of tempera paint with 1/2 cup of water.
2. Stir in plaster of paris until it's about as thick as pancake batter.
3. Spray the ice cube tray with cooking spray.
4. Spoon the plaster into the tray.
5. Let air-dry for at least 12 hours, or until fully hardened.
6. Pop them out and start drawing!



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Once your chalk is ready, put it to use in these fun ways.

- Draw your child's name using block letters. Have your child make it colorful.
- Draw colorful flowers. Fill a watering can and give some directions for watering your new garden. "Water the blue flowers. Water the yellow ones."
- Keep going until your colorful garden is all watered...and no doubt resembles a famous watercolor masterpiece!



Creativity should never be overly focused or directed. One of the most important ways to let children really feel creative is by asking them to move freely. Why not make a colorful rainbow wand for your child and then continue enjoying the vibrancy of the outdoors by relaxing, turning on some music, and watching him or her move around with the wand?

MAKE A RAINBOW

GET STARTED: Make A Rainbow Wand

To make the wand, simply twist or braid colorful pipe cleaners together. Then, wrap the colored ribbons through the top, and let your child twirl, swirl, and swoosh through some beneficial imaginary play!



What you'll need:

- Multi-colored pipe cleaners
- Multi-colored ribbon



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CREATIVITY IS KEY

Research shows that by age 10, many children lose up to 70% of their creative capacity. As adults, we use only a mere fraction of our creative potential. However, in today's global society, change is radical, constant, and accelerating. So, creativity is imperative for your child's success, and that's why it's always worth your while as a parent to keep curiosity and imagination a central part of the activities you do together!

MOVING CREATIVELY: "Colors of the Rainbow"

Now it's time to get your child moving, and we have just the right song to get the creative juices flowing. Play "Colors of the Rainbow" and watch your child dance. Let yourselves feel the joy, see the color, and hear the music.



Tap the icon to listen to Kindermusik's "Colors of the Rainbow."