

What to do

1. Each week, choose a color to focus on for the week.
2. Do a variety of art projects focusing on the particular color. Encourage the children to use that color paper, paint, and so on.
3. On the last day of the week, ask the children to dress in the specific color and serve a snack that is the color of the week.
4. When you finish all of the colors, have a rainbow week!

Related books

The Color Kittens by Margaret Wise Brown

Little Blue and Little Yellow by Leo Lionni

My Many Colored Days by Dr. Seuss

White Rabbit's Color Book by Alan Baker

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Open-Ended Art Center

Materials

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Various scraps, such as fabric scraps, lace scraps, paper scraps, and cork
Miscellaneous items, such as old buttons, glitter, yarn, string, ribbons,
rubberbands, and so on
Art paper
Glue or glue sticks
Scissors

What to do

1. Keep a variety of scraps and miscellaneous materials in the Art Center. You can assign specific art projects, or have open-ended art projects. Encourage the children to cut and glue to their heart's content and let their creativity soar!
2. It's a good idea to come up with a list of rules beforehand. Explain the rules to the children before they use the Art Center.
3. Tell them that scissors may be used for cutting scraps only—not hair, each other, and so on!

More to do

Literacy: Encourage the children to create a picture to go along with a book you are reading to them, or help them make their own special art book.

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Art on the Go

Materials

Several clipboards
Adhesive paper in a variety of colors
Crayons or colored pencils

What to do

1. Cover several clipboards with colorful pieces of adhesive paper. Designate the clipboards as “Art on the Go” boards. Explain to the children that they can carry the clipboards around the room and use them as a hard surface upon which to draw.
2. Encourage the children to take colored pencils or crayons from the art area to other areas in order to draw pictures. Markers (whether washable or not) are not a good option because it is much too tempting to use markers on the walls rather than on the clipboard.
3. Encourage the children to use these portable art boards in other centers. They can make drawings of their block structures, illustrate stories in the reading area, or pretend to help the baby dolls draw in the dramatic living area.

More to do

Field Trip: Bring the “Art on the Go” boards with you on field trips. The children can make on-the-spot drawings of interesting animals at the zoo or the sights at the local museum.

Outdoors: Take the “Art on the Go” boards outside. Encourage the children to draw flowers, trees, bugs, and birds.