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Introduction

What to Do With a Squirt of Glue is for teachers, parents, caregivers or anyone else who is interested in providing enriching and creative art experiences for children. Art is more than a segregated discipline. It is an integral part of the whole educational process and is vital to the child's total well-being. Art provides a vehicle for discovery, self-expression and the opportunity for self-paced growth. The creative thinking and feeling fostered through artistic endeavours is manifested not only in the child's artwork but in his social, emotional, physical and mental development as well.

This book has been conveniently divided into chapters by predominant art media. Each chapter offers many projects and techniques as well as alternative ways of exploring the various materials. Suitable for children of any age, the activities included are simple enough for a 'non-artist' to conduct. They may be carried out individually or with small groups of children. Some can be done spontaneously while others require minimal advance planning. Although variety tends to stimulate interest, don't be reluctant to return to favoured activities. Remember, children build on repetition as well as experience. As you try some of these activities you'll probably invent new ways of expanding on the original ideas. Please do! The emphasis here is on the experimental approach to learning where the process is of more importance than the final product.

Most importantly, remember that it is through you, the adult in charge, that children will learn and develop attitudes about art and creativity which will stay with them for the rest of their lives. You can exert a positive influence by providing an atmosphere to enhance creative thinking; by allowing children to explore freely the use and possibilities of various art media; by providing a variety of materials and activities to enable children to select the media best suited to their individual needs; and by giving praise and encouragement to nurture the natural creative drive.

Supplies of great importance

Paint

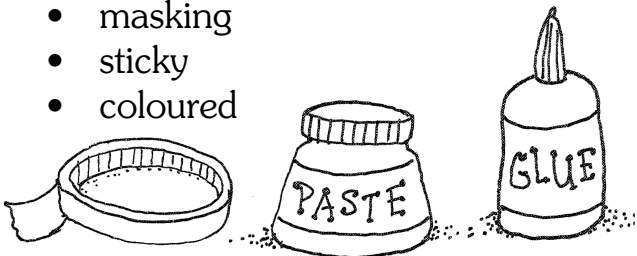
- liquid tempera
- powdered tempera
- watercolours

Glue

Buy school glue in large quantities and pour into squeeze bottles or covered margarine tubs. (Keep covered when not in use.)

Tape

- masking
- sticky
- coloured



Brushes

- wide, flat easel brushes
- small watercolour brushes
- glue brushes

Scissors

Safe, non-breakable safety scissors are the best. They can be used by either left or right-handed children. Children can easily put two fingers in the openings.



Foods

- flour
- salt
- cornflour
- rolled oats
- rice
- vegetable oil
- food colours
- liquid starch

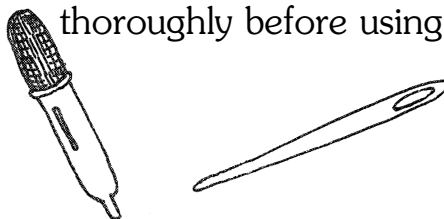


Needles

Extra large plastic needles or metal embroidery needles with blunt ends.

Medicine droppers

Make sure that they are cleaned thoroughly before using.

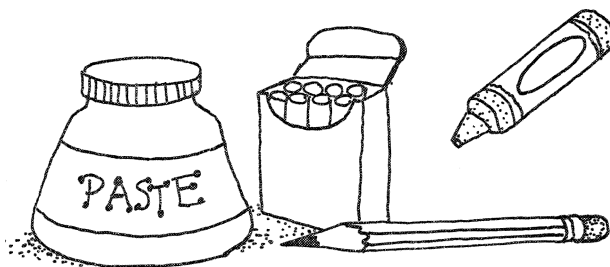


Writing utensils

- crayons
- textas (water base)
- felt-tip pens
- pencils and coloured pencils
- chalk

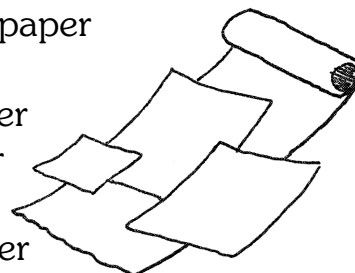
Paste

Purchase school paste or make your own with the recipes provided.



Paper

- construction paper
- drawing paper
- butcher's paper
- wrapping paper
- wallpaper
- tissue paper
- wax paper
- foil
- crepe paper



Special things to save

bottle caps	newspapers
buttons/beads/broken jewellery	old combs
cake tins	old cupcake tins
cardboard	old puzzle pieces
cardboard tubes	old shirts for smocks
clothespins	old toothbrushes
coffee cans	old toy pieces
cogs	paper bags
corks	paper clips
cottage cheese containers	pine cones
cotton balls	plastic lids
cotton buds	seeds
cotton reels	shells
divided snack tins	shoe boxes
egg cartons	socks
empty boxes of all sizes	spice jars and cans
feathers	squeeze bottles
felt	string
icy-pole sticks	styrofoam meat trays
leaves	styrofoam packing pieces
macaroni	tin cans
magazines	wallpaper sample books
marbles	wrapping paper scraps
margarine tubs	wood scraps
material scraps	wools
mesh orange bags	yogurt containers

Check large companies for some of these free or inexpensive items.

Supermarket – large cardboard boxes

Office – shredded paper, scrap paper

Draftsman – large blueprint paper

Ice-cream parlour – large round cartons

Newspaper company – paper roll ends

Printing firm – scrap paper

Telephone company – coloured wire, wooden cotton reels

Textile company – fabric scraps, trims, buttons, cotton reels

Wood or lumber mill – sawdust, wood scraps, sandpaper belts

Caution

Make sure that all materials you choose are clean and safe for children to use. Watch out for sharp or pointed edges.