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Opening the Gift

I ♥ Art!



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Hands: Growing Up To Be an Artist by Lois Ehler
The Artist Who Painted a Blue Horse by Eric Carle
I Ain't Gonna Paint No More! by Karen Beaumont
Penguins Love Colors by Sarah Aspinall
Monsters Love Colors by Mike Austin
My Crayons Talk by Patricia Hubbard
Dog's Colorful Day by Emma Dodd
Mouse Paint by Ellen Stoll Walsh
Art by Patrick McDonnell



Nursery Rhyme: Roses Are Red Songs & Fingerplays to Share



CD: "The Boogie Walk" from *We All Live Together* by Greg & Steve

Scarf Song

(tune: London Bridge)

Can you wave your scarf with me,
 Scarf with me, scarf with me.
 Can you wave your scarf with me?
 Let's wave it in the air!

Now you put it on your knee,
 On your knee, on your knee.
 Now you put it on your knee,
 Then wave it in the air!

Now you put it on your head,
 On your head, on your head.
 Now you put it on your head,
 Then wave it in the air!

Now let's wad it in a ball,
 In a ball, in a ball
 Now let's wad it in a ball,
 And TOSS it in the air!



Make A Circle, Draw a Square

(tune: Oh My Darling Clementine)

Make a circle, make a circle,
 Draw it high in the sky.
 Use your finger, use your finger,
 Make it round as a pie.

Draw a square, draw a square,
 Make the lines so straight,
 Make a square, make a square,
 Draw a box in the air!

Make a triangle, make a triangle,
 Always start at the top.
 Make a tent shape for a triangle,
 Use three lines, and then you stop!

This Is The Way We Stir the Paint

This is the way we stir the paint, stir the paint,
stir the paint.

This is the way we stir the paint
So early in the morning.

continue with:

...dip our brush
 ...paint the paper,
 ...blow it dry
 ...frame the picture

adapted from several sources



Penguin Shuffle

Penguins shuffle, shuffle, shuffle,
 to the left, left, left.
 Penguins shuffle, shuffle, shuffle,
 to the right, right, right.
 Give a little wiggle,
 Give a little hop.
 Waddle round the iceberg.
 Never want to stop!

Your next visit will be: March _____

Next month's theme will be: "Twinkle Toes"





More Books to Share:

- I'm the Best Artist In the Ocean* by Kevin Sherry
- Look! Look! Look!* by Nancy Elizabeth Wallace
- I Spy Colors In Art* by Lucy Micklethwait
- Mousterpiece* by Jane Breskin Zalben
- I Know a Wee Piggy* by Kim Norman
- Blue Chicken* by Deborah Freedman
- Crayola Art of Color* by Mari Schuh
- The Color Monster* by Anna Llenas
- Louise Loves Art* by Kelly Light

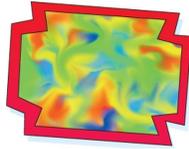
Activity Ideas:



Make a paper chain: This classic, fine-motor-skill-boosting activity isn't just for the holidays; it's also an excellent way to count down to a birthday, an upcoming family trip, or another special event. Cut paper into strips about 1 inch by 5 inches, one strip for each day you want to count down. Show your child how to make paper chains by looping the paper strips around each other and gluing or taping the ends of each strip together. Hang the chain up in your home and use it to count down to an important event by removing the links, one day at a time.

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Impressive Paintings: Anything goes with this hands-on approach to painting! Tape the top and bottom edges of a 9" x 12" sheet of art paper to a section of newspaper. Randomly drip colorful tempera paint onto the art paper and then cover the art paper with plastic wrap. Touching only the plastic, use your hands to smooth, smear, and swirl the paint colors. When a desired effect is achieved, remove the plastic and allow drying time. Next, peel away the tape and trim the painting into a desired shape. Mount the shape onto a complementary color of construction paper and then trim the paper to create an eye-catching border.



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Colorful Collage Headband: Youngsters showcase their favorite colors with this vibrant headband. Place at a center a supply of colorful construction paper strips labeled with the appropriate color word. Also provide glue and a variety of colorful craft materials, such as tissue paper, sticky dots, gift ribbon, and craft feathers. A child chooses a strip and then glues materials of the same color to the strip. When dry, size the strip to fit the child's head. These creative headbands are the tops! mailbox.com

Book of the Month:

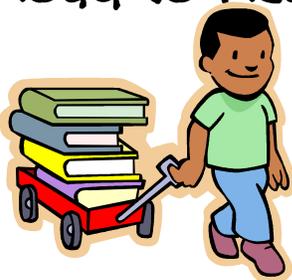
Collage Workshop For Kids by Shannon Merenstein PTC 745.546 M
Rip, Snip, Cut, and Create With Inspiration From the Eric Carle Museum



Be inspired and delighted by *Collage Workshop for Kids*, a colorful art instruction book on collage techniques for children--made in cooperation with The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art. *Collage Workshop for Kids* pairs essays by educators from The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art with instructions on collage technique. Chapters explore favorite art themes for kids and demonstrate how to work with colored tissue paper, newspaper, fabric and buttons, painted paper, torn paper, and more. In each chapter, Reggio-inspired author and teacher Shannon Merenstein explores each technique with original ideas. Members of the museum's education staff offer expert advice on creating art with children. Everything you need to know about collage is in this book, making it a great reference for teachers, librarians, and parents.



Road to Reading Tip:



Art & Early Literacy: "There's so much learning that takes place as a child creates art. Not only do children development eye-hand coordination, but their brain connects to their visual and motor development in ways that help children master real life skills. Art develops our imaginations and helps us discover new ways to process information. The problem solving, critical thinking, planning and adaptation inherent in art making is much more complex than most people realize. The myriad of art materials, and recycled objects that are used in art provide new and different learning as they introduce new problems to solve and new challenges to creative thinking." Anna Reyner

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