

Visual Arts in Early Childhood Education



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Young children often use visual art to express and understand more than they can in other ways. They paint, make shapes in clay, weave, build toy towers, dress up ... the list goes on!

They use art to:



explore the
language of art

*This is what
I think or feel*

*This is where
I'm from*

communicate...



develop
motor skills



collaborate



make sense
of their world



escape into
their imagination

Here's how teachers might help:

- Get comfortable with the materials. Experiment.
- Recycle, scavenge. Think toilet-roll inners, think acorns.
- Create dedicated spaces. Tip: move furniture.
- Place boards, graphite pencils, paper... in unexpected places.
- Get artistic alongside the young artists: talk, listen, respect.
- Encourage and extend children's art making.
- Provide a variety of materials such as chalk, glue, scissors and natural items like leaves and plant fibres.