

Dear Parents,

Below is a small collection of websites that contain several art activities. It is my hope that you are able to choose a few to complete with your kids. Once a week is our goal, but kids usually enjoy creating so much they may beg for more!

Art has many benefits for your child, it improves memory, heightens fine motor coordination, increases bilateral coordination, develops problem solving and language skills, as well as enhances language development, creativity and self-esteem. You can have your child complete very easy activities or some of the ones listed in the websites below. Anything will help in your child's development.

Here are some easy things you can try at home:

- Trace common household items and color them
- Draw shapes and color
- Cut out easy shapes
- Cut objects or people out of magazines or catalogs
- Illustrate a scene out of a favorite book
- Create a drawing with something that begins with the same letter as your name
- Practice gluing
- Draw a large shape then turn it into an animal
- Use fingerprints to make bugs
- Think Spring and draw a field of flowers
- Write your own story and illustrate it
- Practice/experiment with color mixing by using water and food coloring
- Create a chalk drawing outside
- Paint a rock
- Use shaving cream and draw on the bathtub walls (easy clean up and smells great!)
- Make homemade clay or use Play Doh and sculpt
- Listen to music and draw something to match what you hear
- Draw a picture for someone who is shut in or is on lock down
- Trace your hands and design some beautiful nails, do it on cardboard and allow them to paint with fingernail polish
- Try a paper mache project: paper mache a small balloon and then paint it to look like an Easter egg
- Draw out a map of an obstacle course, then build it
- Create a treasure map, hide a treasure for someone to find, give them your map and see if they are lucky enough to figure it out
- Choose a zoo animal to research. Draw a picture of it at the Zoo or in their natural environment

I hope this helps get you started. Have fun. This shouldn't be stressful. Join your kids in drawing, they love to see what adults do. It really doesn't matter how well you draw; I guarantee they will be impressed. Send me pictures of any work you do! We would love to post what is happening at home.

Thank You,

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# Let's Do Art!



Bestselling children's author Mo Willems is teaching drawing on YouTube to kids who are stuck at home due to the coronavirus

<https://www.insider.com/mo-willems-teaching-drawing-kids-out-of-school-coronavirus-2020-3?fbclid=IwAR3qdaCy-y08bC0ADwssJuYyhYjH8IQ1bQJ5ze0yhN6p9CL8EMGTWzNIqMw>

## 1000 FREE COLORING PAGES & ACTIVITIES

DISNEY STAR WARS NICKELODEON HOLIDAYS  
MARVEL PIXAR PBS KIDS & MORE

DESERTCHICA.COM

<https://desertchica.com/free-coloring-pages-activities/?fbclid=IwAR29DELGoRqdU7qy5qkxZOgGsbzYumZuxCSnCmH0AQFKqP4vTY436-rjV0>



<https://www.boredteachers.com/resources/50-online-art-and-music-resources-to-help-kids-learn-and-create-from-home?fbclid=IwAR3szfrev0-33u6eU4WTzc5FVhotsCW5tHMAPiDIV1ksS8jysEf8FSzYEN8>

## Free Virtual Museum Tours for Kids



<https://www.passionforsavings.com/free-virtual-museum-tours-for-kids/>



## MOTHERCOULD PLAY DOUGH

### YOU'LL NEED:

- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 cup table salt
- 2 tbsp cream of tartar
- 1 tbsp oil
- 1 cup boiling water
- Food coloring

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. In a bowl, combine the flour, salt and cream of tartar. Mix well.
2. Add the oil
3. Mix a few drops of food coloring into the boiling water and add to the bowl.
4. Mix everything very well and massage with your hand until it is no longer sticky.
5. Once it has fully cooled, wrap in plastic and put in an airtight container. Store at room temperature for about 6 months.



## MOTHERCOULD PUFFY PAINT

### YOU'LL NEED:

- Glue
- Shaving cream
- Food coloring
- Ziploc bag
- Scissors

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Add equal amounts of glue and shaving cream in a bowl.
  2. Add food coloring and mix well.
- If you want to use the paint in a DIY piping bag:
1. Add the paint to a ziplock bag.
  2. Close the bag and cut a small piece of corner off.
  3. Squeeze the paint through the opening.



## MOTHERCOULD TASTE SAFE BLOCKS

### YOU'LL NEED:

- Clear gelatin powder
- Boiling water
- Food coloring
- Parchment/wax paper
- Containers

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Add the gelatin powder to a bowl.
2. Measure 3/4 of the indicated amount of water ratio and add a drop of food coloring.
3. Pour into the bowl and mix immediately or the gelatin will clump up. In the video you'll see I added first one cup of water, mixed, and then another 1/2 cup. I did that so that I could mix before it clumped.
4. Line the container with parchment paper and pour mixture in.
5. Refrigerate for 3-4 hours.
6. When the gelatin is firm, pull the wax paper out of the container and cut into large blocks.



## MOTHERCOULD TASTE SAFE PAINT

### YOU'LL NEED:

- 1/4 cup salt
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/2 cup water
- Food coloring

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Mix the flour and salt in a bowl.
  2. Add a few drops of food coloring to the water. Pour into the flour and salt mixture.
  3. Whisk well until all the clumps dissolve.
- \*You can add more or less water depending on the consistency you desire.  
\*\*Store in the refrigerator. Can keep for 6 months or so.

# BEST ART MUSEUMS WITH INTERACTIVE WEBSITES

KITCHENTABLECLASSROOM.COM

<https://www.kitchentableclassroom.com/best-art-museum-websites-interactive/>



<http://creeksidelearning.com/youtube-art-lessons-for-kids/>

## famous artist crafts for kids



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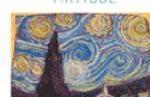
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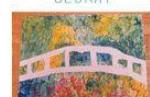
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THECRAFTYCLASSROOM.COM



We make teaching art easier.

<https://kinderart.com/grades/k-2/>



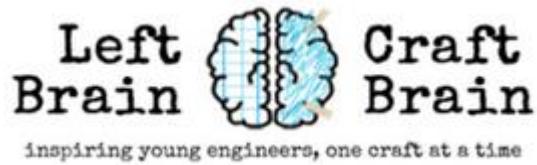
## ELEMENTARY ART LESSONS FOR KIDS



<https://www.happinessishomemade.net/36-elementary-art-lessons-for-kids/>



<https://www.pinterest.com/ashleyann7747/elementary-art-lesson-plans/>



<https://leftbraincraftbrain.com/40-best-art-projects-for-kids/>



## Kids Spot-Art Activities

<https://www.kidspot.com.au/things-to-do/collection/art-activities>