

I'll Get It Myself

I can reach it!



Put a supply of art materials in an easy-to-reach place so your child can create art projects whenever she chooses.

Practice in getting, using, and returning materials will help your child become more responsible.



Why this is important

Growing up involves increasing levels of independence in many tasks. Although your child may initially come to you with questions, she is learning to work by herself and without interruptions. Independent use of art materials helps prepare her for responsible use of other materials.

What you do

- Begin by planning an art area with your child. A few questions to consider might be:

Can we create a storage place where she will be able to reach a small stack of paper and boxes of pens, pencils, and crayons?

During what part of the day may the art area be used freely?

Is there a trash can nearby?

Who will help to hang up the finished work?

- Set up the art area with appropriate supplies. Discuss guidelines with your child.
- Make sure you remain available if needed, but otherwise encourage her to work independently.

Another idea

Add art supplies to the art center as your child becomes more responsible with materials. You can include scissors, scrap paper, paste, and paints in addition to crayons and pencils.

Let's read together!

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