



“I can create”

Ages 3 years—4 years

Objective: The child can use fine-motor skills and creativity to design open-ended art.

Materials needed:

White sheet of paper

Glue

Any type of craft materials: Beads, buttons, sequins, stickers, wooden letters (you find these in any crafts section at Wal-Mart or Micheals)

Procedures

1. For this lesson, you are going to have your child sit at a table.
2. Put the craft materials on a paper plate, and put the white sheet of paper in front of your child. Teach “a dot of glue will do” and explain to child they are going to create a picture using the craft supplies. Help with gluing as necessary.
3. Let them do this freely and open-ended. Do not tell child what or how. This builds creativity and higher-order thinking skills by encouraging a child to self-create.



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5. Ask your child “what are they doing and why?”

6. Talk with your child about their picture when they are finished. What they did, why, and how? Point to specific details, such as the letters, and ask your child what it is.

7. Let picture dry completely, then write your child’s name and date on it. Put away for keepsakes!

Milestones to meet:

The child can use glue sparingly and correctly.

The child shows creativity. The child shows interest in art. The child can use their words to explain their picture to their parent.

Evaluation:

Did this lesson work for your child? Why or why not?