

Creative Arts Lesson Plan: “Creative Art Explosion!” (Birth to Five)

Classroom:

Teacher:

Learning Objectives

- Children will explore creativity and self-expression through a variety of art materials and techniques.
 - Children will strengthen **fine motor skills** and hand-eye coordination.
 - Children will build confidence and self-awareness by making choices about their artwork.
 - Children will practice collaboration and communication skills through group projects.
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Materials

- Variety of art supplies: paints, crayons, markers, colored pencils, construction paper, tissue paper, glitter, feathers, pom-poms, glue, and safety scissors
 - Trays, baskets, or bins for organizing materials
 - Mats or table coverings for a comfortable art-making space
 - Inspirational images or books featuring artwork
 - Large chart paper or a whiteboard for brainstorming ideas
 - Display area or wall space for showcasing artwork
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Procedures

1. Set the Stage

- Gather children in a circle and introduce the activity:
 - “Today, we’re going to make our own amazing art pieces! There’s no right or wrong in art—just imagination!”
- Show inspiring artwork and ask guiding questions:
 - “What colors or shapes do you see? Which ones are your favorites?”

2. Prepare the Space



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- Organize art supplies into stations or zones for easy access.
- Make sure surfaces are covered and safe for art-making.

3. Create

- Invite children to choose materials and begin creating.
- Encourage them to experiment with textures, colors, and layering.
- Offer gentle prompts:
 - “What are you making today?”
 - “Which materials do you like best?”

4. Reflect and Share

- Bring children together to share their artwork (optional for those who prefer not to share).
- Celebrate creativity by discussing what makes each piece special.
- Display finished art on a classroom “gallery wall.”

5. Wrap-Up

- End with a story, song, or discussion about creativity and self-expression.
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Individualized Support

- **Infants & Toddlers:**
 - Offer large, safe, sensory-rich materials (soft brushes, textured paper).
 - Provide hand-over-hand support and encourage exploration.
 - **Preschool & Older Children:**
 - Introduce advanced techniques like layering, collages, or themed art challenges.
 - Allow leadership opportunities by encouraging them to help peers.
 - **All Learners:**
 - Offer verbal and visual supports, dual-language labels, and adaptive tools (chunky crayons, easy-grip scissors).
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Modifications & Extensions

- Create a **class mural** or sculpture together to build teamwork.
- Start **personal art portfolios** so children can track progress over time.
- Take art outdoors: chalk drawing, nature collages, or leaf painting.
- Play an **Art Match Memory Game** using student work or famous paintings.

