

ART APPRECIATION

Make Your Own Paint Set

Starting with the Mortar and Pestle

Allow your child to develop the necessary motor skills to use the mortar and pestle. Start with simple things to grind, like oregano or basil, which allow your child to learn while minimizing mess.

Making Watercolors

For full explanation, see our video instruction

1. Add a small amount of pigment to the mortar.
2. Add Gum Arabic (should be about half as much gum as pigment).
3. Add a few drops of water.
4. Use pestle to blend the mixture into a paste.
5. Add more water and mix till desired consistency.

Other Pigments

Your child can make paint from natural sources that contain pigment: flower petals, berries, paprika, mint, mustard seeds. Grind natural item with water and some gum arabic (explained in videos).

Painting and Color Mixing

Explain primary and secondary colors. Let your child mix paint or create their own masterpiece on the professional watercolor paper. When finished, they can display it on the easel, but remember that Montessori art is about the process, not product.

Masterpiece Collection

Matching Activities

Simple matching activities develop memory, a sense of order, and mastery through repetition.

Match color Masterpiece Cards to the poster.

Match black and white Masterpiece Cards to the color Masterpiece Cards (or poster).

Match painting/artist name (reverse side of card) to the correct painting on the poster.

Match painting/artist name (reverse side of card) to the portrait of the painter.

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Discuss different painting styles: use of color, objects in painting, more or less realistic, etc.

Discuss the images of different painters: What can we know from their picture? What does their clothing tell us about the time period? What kind of person they might be? If it is a self-portrait, what does that say about them?

Canvas prints

The Mona Lisa and The Storm on the Sea of Galilee were chosen for their fame and fascinating histories. They are explained in the instruction videos.

Shapes & Colors Activity Set

Activity Set Instructions

For full explanation and images, see our online instructions.

The card set has simple instructions for multiple activities at different difficulty levels. We recommend starting with free play, but then choose the activities most appropriate for your child's developmental stage.

This activity set also allows parents to see how effective "Isolation of difficulty" is for their child's mastery and growth in confidence. The activities in this set include:

1. Free Play
2. Match color/shape cards and wooden figures
3. Matching both shape and color at the same time
4. Attribute chart
5. Match wooden figures with words
6. Attribute chart with words

WARNING: ADULT SUPERVISION REQUIRED
Make sure powder pigments are not inhaled. They are non-toxic, washable, and made from natural minerals, but should not be ingested.