

Art Materials

By thoughtfully setting up, supervising, and teaching procedures, the teacher can provide the children with a large selection of art supplies from which they may freely choose, use, and return to the shelf.

Listed below are some of the supplies appropriate for preschool art and to extend art projects. This list includes equipment suggestions for five-year-olds; naturally a young two-year-old just learning to get paint on the paper would not need a variety of sizes and shapes of paint brush in the way an experienced five year old would. **Highlighted materials are for the oldest children.**

Art and Craft Supplies

ARTS	CRAFTS
Crayons	Popsicle Sticks assorted colors and widths
Markers	Linoleum block rollers
Yarn, variety of colors	Loom/wire frame and weaving materials
Crayola pastels	Shaving cream
Tempera watercolor cakes in many colors	Origami paper
Colored chalk	Sidewalk chalk
Craypas oil pastels	Roll paint bottles
Large children's pencils	Dot paint bottles
Colored Pencils	Gallon of starch
Easel Paint - Tempera Gallons: Red, yellow, blue, green, white, purple, turquoise Orange brown black Pints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fluorescent • Pearl • Metallic • Glitter 	Gallon of school glue
	Plastic palettes
	Paint cups & lids
	Plastic squeeze bottles
	Spray paint bottles
	Paste and glue spreaders
	Q-tips
	Pipettes
	Uncoated paper plates
Liquid water colors	Glue stick
Gouache water colors in tubes	Hole punches
Drafting tools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • stencils • rulers • Colored pencils • Tracing shapes 	Small paper bags
	Powdered tempera
	colored masking tape
	Stamps and stamp pads
	Pony Beads for stringing
Masking tape in varied colors	silky stretch cords
String	Burlap and plastic needles
Good quality children's scissors	Gluing

<p>Papers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easel paper white 18x24 • Drawing paper 9x11 or 9x18 • Tin foil • Waxed paper • Colored construction paper 9x11 • Tracing paper • Finger paint paper (Slip coated) • Paper on a roll 18” and 3’ wide • Tissue paper • Coffee filter paper • Light cardboard • Lightweight paper plates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buttons • Noodles – plain or dyed • Cupcake papers • beads • Colored sand • Colored match sticks • Cotton balls • Pom- poms variety of colors • Wood gluing pieces • Natural objects such as seeds, acorns, leaves, twigs • Dried beans & peas
<p>Clay Tools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rolling pin • Extruders • Wooden and metal • Throwing & trimming tools • Sponges • loop tools • wedges • wooden sticks • hammers 	<p>Playdough</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rolling pins • cookie cutters • kitchen tools • flour shakers • wooden knives • extruders • cookie sheets, cup cake pans • wooden pegs
<p>Brushes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choose a variety of brushes to provide different painting experiences • Standard paint brushes for easel are 8” natural bristle round tip • Calligraphy brushes • White bristle brushes 2”head <p>Length and head options: Flat, Round, Fan, Pointed</p> <p>Different bristles change the experience by holding water differently and moving the water and paint with different feelings; Synthetic, Sable, Silk</p> <p>Short and Long-handled brushes offer experiences with different level of control</p> <p>Other Specialty Painting Equipment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plastic tool tips • Wisp • Wedge and blades • Palette knives 	

- Consider offering color combinations that enhance the colors, and will always combine in a pleasing way.
- Use a white tray or background as the default, as it keeps the color true without the influence that other colors bring to the eye.
- Colors express feelings before the children’s verbalization is mature enough to describe subtle emotion; it is important to keep colors true on presentation (e.g., if paints have gotten mixed with other colors and are “muddy,” discard and clean the cup).