



Integrating Early Literacy and the Arts

Activities:

Paper Cutout

Pen and Ink

Watercolor

Oil & Acrylic

Cartooning

Famous Artist:

Henri Matisse

Pablo Picasso

J.M. W Turner

Vincent Van Gogh

Charles Shultz

Visual Art can help children become better learners, provide a way for them to express thoughts, feelings, and hopes, and expand their creativity and imagination.

When exploring art in any form with your child he or she is learning how to analyze concepts of space, color, line, perspective and interpret ideas and meanings about art and the world. You will also have the opportunity to teach your child the reasons and rewards for hard work and completing goals.

Included in each creativity packet you will find helpful ideas and fun art projects to share with your child.

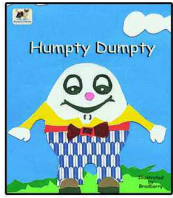
These activities are designed to teach your child about art, provide an outlet through which your child can express his or her feelings and ideas, as well as open communication between you and your child. These activities are not meant to teach criticism therefore, always remember art with your child is about process not product.

We invite you and your child on a journey to learn how art can help you see the world in new and amazing ways.

Paper Cut-Outs

Famous Artist: Henri Matisse

Henri Matisse was in law school at the age of 20 when he became very ill. Matisse had to stay in bed for a long period of time. He soon became very bored just lying around. His Mother gave him a box of paints and brushes. Matisse began to paint all of the time. When he recovered he went straight to art school. He was soon told he would be in a wheelchair for the rest of his life. Matisse stopped painting and started making art from paper cutouts. His paper cut-outs are thought by many to be Matisse's best work and hang in museums all over the world.



Picture Books:

Humpty Dumpty Illustrated by Bradberry

Available from Smarty Pants Press

Chicka, Chicka Boom Boom Written by Bill Martin, Jr. &

Michael Sampson Illustrated by Lois Ehlert

Objective:

Learn about shapes, overlapping, and color.

Learning Props:

Construction paper or colored tissue paper

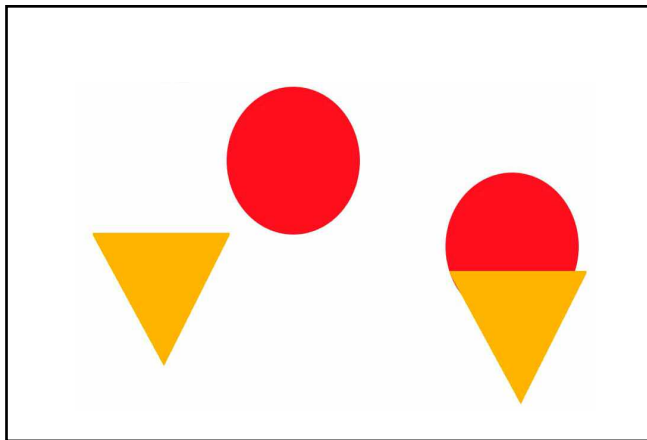
Markers

Scissors

Glue

Let's Get Started!

1. Cut out shapes with your child
2. Make sure the shapes are cut from several different colors of paper.
3. Start arranging the shapes on your blank piece of paper. See Example 1.



Example 1

A simple triangle and cone can make an ice cream cone.

4. Start out simple then allow your child to get even more creative. Objects can be realistic or invented by your child. (Remember not all art is realistic so help your child invent objects, characters, landscapes, etc.)

