

Appropriate for :
Young Toddlers and Older Toddlers.



Circle Crayons

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Broken small crayons (large crayons don't melt as well)
- Muffin pan
- Cupcake/muffin liners
- Oven

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Peel the paper off the crayons and sort by colors (though you can make a multi colored crayon if you decide).
- Place the cupcake/muffin liners into the muffin pan.
- Place the peeled crayons in cupcake/muffin liner.
- Place the muffin pan in a 350° oven until the crayons melt (approximately 10 -15 minutes).
- Let cool, pull off liner.

What the adult can do to support learning and development in these domains:

- Set out a large sheet of paper or individual pieces for each child and enough round crayons for two or three children to draw side by side.
- Encourage all children to grasp the crayon and use it to make marks on the paper in any way they like.
- Provide textured paper or paper secured on a paint easel to provide additional ways to explore using circle crayons.

Examples of language that can be used between caregiver and child:

- “Look at those red lines you are making! Max is making red circles.”
- “The crayon is a circle. The paper is a circle. What other circles do you see?”
- “You look like you are having fun. Please tell me about your picture.”

This activity highlights support for the following *NCFELD* domain:

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| Cognitive Development | Approaches to Play & Learning | Language Development & Communication | Emotional and Social Development | Health & Physical Development |
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