

Ideas and Starter Materials for Putting Together Art Boxes

Based on Art Techniques:

Painting

- Different types of paper
- Tempera paints
- Watercolor paints
- Finger paints
- Small plastic containers for water
- Pie tins for paint
- Ice cube trays for paint
- Paint brushes
- Q-tips
- Cotton balls (clip clothespins to them to make handles)
- Sponges
- Toothbrushes
- Marbles (choking hazard for younger children)
- Plastic cars (might have small parts that could present a choking hazard)
- Feathers

Printing with Paint or Ink Pads

- Different types of paper
- Tempera paint
- Ink Pads
- Pie tins for paint
- Potato mashers
- Clean plastic lids and containers
- Natural materials such as pinecones and seas shells
- Small pieces of bubble wrap
- Make your own by wrapping rubber bands around blocks or clean aluminum cans (tape the edges of the can for safety)

Crayon Rubbings

- Paper
- Crayons with paper wrapping removed
- Masking tape (to keep objects in place)
- Corrugated cardboard
- Different types of fabric such as Corduroy, burlap, cheesecloth, etc.
- Clean, unused flyswatter
- Sandpaper
- Natural materials such as sea shells, leaves, feathers

Based on Theme:

Blue

- Blue paper
- Blue tempera paint
- Blue markers
- Blue crayons
- Blue chalk
- Blue colored pencils
- Blue fabric samples
- Blue felt
- Blue glue (put a few drops of blue food coloring into a bottle of glue and mix/shake)
- Scissors and masking tape (in case the children want to make blue sculptures)

Circles

- Different size paper plates
- Pencils
- Markers
- Crayons
- Tempera paint
- Pie tins for the paint
- Scissors
- Glue
- Circle objects for making prints or tracing such as clean plastic containers and lids, shower curtain rings, wooden dowels, eraser ends of pencils, buttons (choking hazard for younger children), wiggle eyes (choking hazard for younger children)

REMEMBER...some of these items may be choking hazards so be sure to know the ages and stages of the children in your care so you can keep everyone safe.