

BLINK AT HOME

Alphabet Art

Can you make art using the alphabet?

Skills to Develop

- + Early literacy
- + Fine motor skills
- + Color identification

Materials

- + Construction paper
- + Markers/crayons/colored pencils
- + Glue
- + Scissors
- + Stickers, googly eyes, pipe cleaners, etc.

WHAT TO DO

During the Learning Activity

1. Using pencil, write the letters of the alphabet in block format as large as possible, each on a separate sheet of paper. Choose uppercase or lowercase letters depending on your child's needs. You may also choose to spell familiar names or words.
2. Invite your child to trace over the letters using marker or crayon and then cut out the letters. You should end up with large block versions of each letter.
3. Choose a letter of the alphabet, you may want to start with the letters in your child's name. Practice the letter's name and the sounds it makes. Ask: *what is this letter? What sound does it make? What words start with this sound?*
4. Invite your child to choose their favorite word that starts with that letter and use the art supplies to decorate the letter to match their favorite word. For example, you may put a mane and a unicorn horn on the letter U or add zebra stripes to the letter Z.
5. Continue decorating and discussing a letter at a time. If you are spelling names or learning the alphabet, practice mixing the letters up and putting them in the correct order.

Extend the Fun

- + Make alphabets of uppercase and lowercase letters and use them to play a matching game.