

Theme: Toddler Art Ideas

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Hello StrongStart families,

Today's content is put together by Teacher Michelle (from Douglas).

Art with babies and toddlers is a totally doable thing. There are just a few things to remember! First, art with babies is often a full body experience. So, take off their clothes before you begin to avoid a lot of laundry. Second, babies' art may not always "look" like art but it is the process (not product) that is more important. Finally, be mindful of your materials because babies often put things in their mouths. **Always supervise your baby when doing the following art activities.**



**Edible Finger Paint with Greek Yogurt** (source: <https://babyfoode.com/blog/easy-natural-and-edible-finger-paint-for-baby/>)



- Some edible finger paints are made from flour or cornstarch so it's not very tasty. If you want a delicious and artistic experience for your baby, try this edible finger paint made from Greek yogurt!
- This blog uses different colour purees with Greek yogurt to make the paint. For example, red is from beet and pomegranate puree and yellow is from butternut squash puree.

### Contact Paper Collage

- For this collage, you can use items like yarn, tissue paper, cupcake liners, ribbons or large foam shapes.
- Tummy time version: Tape down a large piece of contact paper to the floor.
- Sitting version: Tape it to the wall or on the highchair tray.

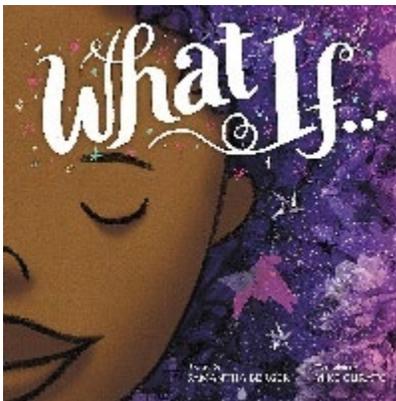


### Bingo Daubers

- These can be found at your local dollar store. It's great for little hands as it is easy to grab. You can pre-cut the shape (e.g., flower, butterfly, ladybug) and have your child decorate.



To finish off this email, Teacher Michelle will read a book called "What If" by Samantha Berger and Mike Curato - <https://youtu.be/BtR3ZeJX3fs>. This book reminds us that the power of imagination and creativity can turn ANYTHING into art 😊



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