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## TIPS FOR TEACHING YOUR KIDS ART AT HOME



**CHILDREN AGED 5 - 12 YEARS OLD**

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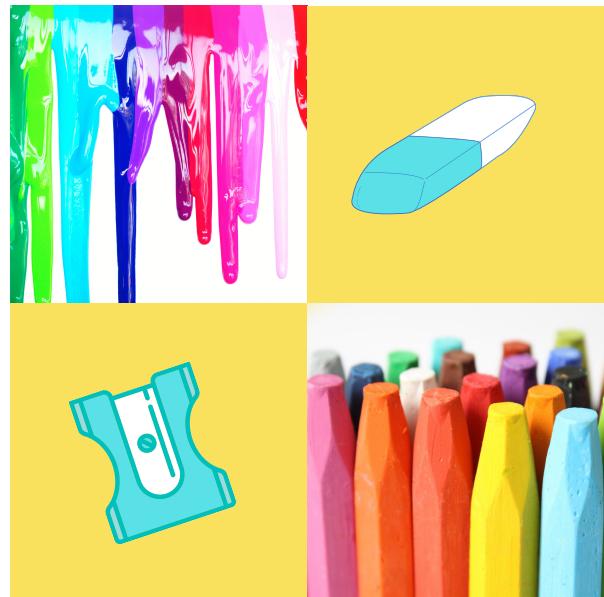
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When starting out teaching art to your child there is no need to spend a lot of money on expensive art equipment. Having the basics is all that is required. As your child grows in confidence and skill you can then consider purchasing more quality materials. Getting your children to enjoy doing art is really the key when starting out. The goal is to make the learning process a fun and enriching experience.

This is the equipment I have found to be a great starter art kit. **Oil pastels** are versatile and you can do a lot of different artwork using these. They are also good on the budget and there is minimal work involved to set up. **Sharpies** are also a staple in my art kit. They have strong pigmentation and a great variety of colours. They are also permanent, so you need to make sure when using them you have something underneath your artwork to protect your workstation. A **watercolour** palette is also essential. It's up to you how many colours you would like to use. However I suggest as you're starting out just get a pack of 12 to 24 colours. **Acrylic paints** are a must in anyone's kit. There are a variety of acrylic paints you can use. I would suggest for the younger children purchase primary colours + white paint. That way they can learn the basics of colour mixing. As your children get older I would suggest you invest in better quality paints and increase the colour range. As they have better coverage and pigmentation. It is also good to have good quality **paintbrushes**. As a starter paintbrush I find number 10 to be a good size. I would also invest in a few different sizes and types. If your kids are younger I wouldn't spend too much money on your paintbrushes as young children have a tendency to push down hard on paintbrushes. If your children are older and have grown in their art skills. That's when I would suggest introducing them to good quality paintbrushes. As it will help them achieve better results with their artwork. I also suggest an **A3 sketchbook**.

## BASIC ART EQUIPMENT

- Oil pastels (24pkt)
- Rubber
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Lead pencil
- Sharpies
- Watercolour pallet
- Paintbrushes (fine, medium, large)
- A3 Sketchbook
- Acrylic paints (yellow, blue, red, white paint)

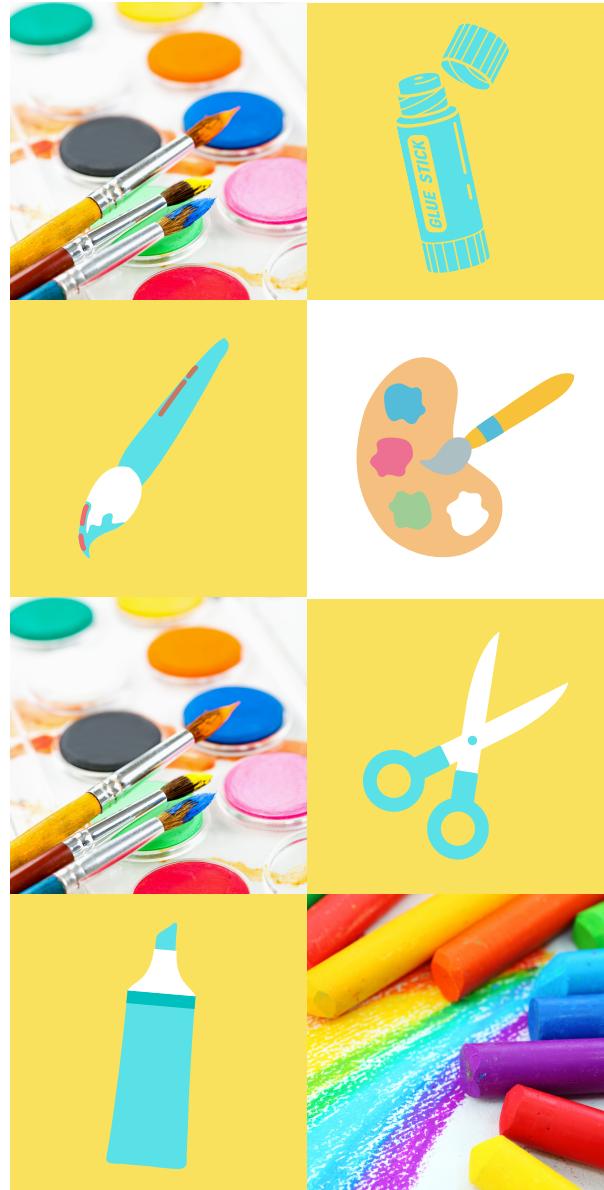


## HOW TO SET UP YOUR ART SPACE

When I set up an art space I make sure that I have all of my equipment ready to go. I like to put down a plastic sheet or newspaper to protect the table I am working on. I then like to have all my supplies out and ready to go. If my activity involves painting I don't put too much paint out. As things can get messy really quickly and it is important for kids to learn how much paint to put out. I find if there's too much paint out, there is a lot wastage.

Make your space look inviting for your kids as this encourages creativity and a willingness to experiment.

In other words have the materials out and ready to go.



## GETTING STARTED

### DECIDE ON WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE THE ART ACTIVITY TO BE

Before embarking on an activity think about what you're trying to achieve. Is your child a beginner, intermediate or maybe advanced. This makes a big difference in what activity you choose.



## ONLINE COURSES

You can also purchase online lessons. Some lessons also have an interactive element included in the class.

Alternatively you could organise a group of kids to meet together at someone's house and pay for an art teacher to come to your house. If you share the cost with a few families it won't break the budget.

If you're not confident on how to do any of this then why not join an online class. Most of these classes are run by experienced art teachers and artists who have had many years perfecting their craft.



The online classes that [artforkidz](#) have created are focused on a combination of learning basic drawing, painting, watercolours and oil pastel techniques. Whilst introducing children to different mediums and styles. The goal of these classes are to encourage children to have their own form of self expression whilst building up their confidence in the creative arts.

We believe that all children are creative and deserving of a quality art experience, whether that's in a studio or around your kitchen table with our online instruction.

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CUPCAKES AND ACRYLIC PAINTS - BEGINNERS & INTERMEDIATES  
Ages 5 - 12 years

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FUNKY FISH - ACRYLIC PAINTING  
BEGINNERS & INTERMEDIATE  
Age 8 - 12 year olds

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Oil Pastels for Beginners  
Ages 5 - 12 years old

Materials:  
A3 paper  
Oil pastels  
Thick black permanent marker  
watercolour paints/inks or food colouring

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Oil Pastels

Materials required:  
A3 110gsm art paper  
Coloured oil pastels  
Lead pencil  
Black permanent marker

"The Goldfish," 1912, by Henri Matisse

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