



Transforming Early Childhood Education

Process Art Workshop Catalog



There is a misconception that process art is a free-for-all. While children need to be able to mess about with art materials, it is also essential for teachers to support young children during this exploration process.

Process art in our early childhood programs should be thoughtful and intentional- understanding where the children are in their development, what interests them, and how you can provide engaging experiences.

Process art should honor decision-making, connections, using new materials, and taking small risks. We want our young children to have experiences that allow them to try new things, are thought-provoking, and are exciting.

Please note that the process art workshops are only offered as onsite (in-person) sessions. They are not formatted for a virtual presentation. Programs can choose from the workshop selections below or a session can be developed to meet their needs.



Mini Makers Series

Toddlers (Walking-Young 3)

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2 hours	Toddler (walking-3 yrs)	Mini Makers Clay While I love play dough, clay is much better for helping young children strengthen their fine motor skills. During this session, participants will learn all about toddler fine motor development while squeezing, squashing, and creating with clay!
2 hours	Toddler (walking-3 yrs)	Mini Makers Collaborative Murals Our youngest learners are beginning to understand how to interact with their peers. Collaborative murals are a fantastic way for toddlers to work with their peers while honoring their interests. During this workshop session, participants will examine the stages of play, learn how to set up collaborative process art opportunities and get a little messy while creating murals with their teaching peers.
2 hours	Toddler (walking-3 yrs)	Mini Makers Collaborative Sculptures It's time to rip and tear some paper! Did you know that the precursor to using scissors is to learn to use your hands to rip and tear paper? During this session, participants will learn how to foster fine motor development in their students while creating their collaborative sculptures.
2 hours	Toddler (walking-3 yrs)	Mini Makers Sensory Extravaganza During this workshop session, we will examine the importance of sensory exploration for toddlers. Participants will have the opportunity to mess about with various sensory materials.
2 hours	Toddler (walking-3 yrs)	Mini Makers Table Play The goal of table play is not to have our youngest learners sit still. Instead, we invite them to explore materials independently with their peers or trusted adults. During this session, participants will learn to set up materials that provoke thought and curiosity and explore hands-on learning opportunities.

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2 hours	Toddler (walking-3 yrs)	Mini Makers Collages Before young children use glue, paste, and tape as adhesives, they explore their characteristics while messing about in puddles of sticky glue. In this session participants will learn how to introduce the concept of collages to their young learners.
2 hours	Toddler (walking-3 yrs)	Mini Makers Exploring Textures From the silky feeling of a baby blanket to the rough texture of the classroom rug, toddlers spend their days exploring the textures in the world around them. In this session, participants will learn the importance of texture experiences while creating textured sensory blocks.
2 hours	Toddler (walking-3 yrs)	Mini Makers Nature Art Let's take our little collectors outside with empty baskets to hunt for natural loose parts! During this session, participants will explore the concept of loose parts for littles while creating nature mobiles.
2 hours	Toddler (walking-3 yrs)	Mini Makers Painting Party Our youngest learners use their entire bodies when they paint. Small paintbrushes just don't cut it with this age group. Participants will enjoy a painting party during this interactive session while learning about supporting creative expression within their programs.



Little Makers Series

Ages 3 - 5

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2 hours	Ages 3-5	Little Makers Color Mixing In this interactive process art workshop, we will find the intersection between art, science, and literature. Participants will also learn the basics of color mixing theory.
2 hours	Ages 3-5	Little Makers Geography and Art Collide Young children LOVE maps! In this workshop session, we will explore the topic of early geography while making treasure maps!
2 hours	Ages 3-5	Little Makers Marcus Oakley Artist Study Marcus Oakley is an artist who lives and works in Edinburgh, Scotland. His contemporary work focuses on the countryside, humans, cycling, and geometric shapes. Oakley's use of bright colors and intriguing shapes inspires young artists. In this session, participants will learn about Marcus Oakley as they create their own artwork.
2 hours	Ages 3-5	Little Makers Sensory Extravaganza During this workshop session, we will examine the importance of sensory exploration for children ages 3-5. Participants will have the opportunity to mess about with various sensory materials.
2 hours	Ages 3-5	Little Makers Stewards of Nature In this session, we will focus on supporting young children as they become stewards of nature. Let's walk through the woods, collect natural loose parts, and see what we can create!

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2 hours	Ages 3-5	Little Makers Beyond All About Me One of the essential elements of creating a classroom community is getting to know each child in your learning environment. During this session, participants will examine how to dig deeper into the all about me theme while exploring self-portrait art opportunities.
2 hours	Ages 3-5	Little Makers Cardboard Creations Everyone knows that young children prefer the box to the toy inside the box. Cardboard is one of the easiest materials to upcycle. Participants will test cardboard building materials while designing their creations in this session.
2 hours	Ages 3-5	Little Makers Wassily Kandinsky Artist Study Kandinsky was a Russian-born abstract artist. His planet-like orbs are a favorite of young artists. During this session, participants will learn about Kandinsky's circles while creating their own circular art.
2 hours	Ages 3-5	Little Makers Wool Felting Are you ready to explore a new art material? Have you ever created with wool roving? It's a soft, flexible, and forgiving material that is perfect for little hands. During this session, participants will learn the basics of felting with wool.
2 hours	Ages 3-5	Little Makers You Got Mail! Emergent writing is an everyday experience in our early years classrooms. In this workshop session participants will learn how to create a space to support emergent writing while creating their very own mailboxes.



Studio Makers Series

Ages 6 - 8

(before care, after care & camp)

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2 hours	Ages 6-8	Studio Makers Print Making Printmaking is a powerful creative experience. It can build confidence in children who don't see themselves as artists. In this session, participants will explore hands-on experiences with printmaking while learning the basics.
2 hours	Ages 6-8	Studio Makers Self-Portraits Elementary-age students are developing their sense of self – how they view themselves. In this session, we will examine tools and strategies to support our students while they develop their sense of self. Participants will also participate in hands-on self-portrait opportunities.
2 hours	Ages 6-8	Studio Makers Chiaozza Artist Study Terry Chiao & Adam Frezza make up the artist duo Chiaozza. Their work focuses on the relationship between color, structure and play. During this session participants will create Chiaozza inspired clay sculptures.
2 hours	Ages 6-8	Studio Makers Crazy Creatures What are your favorite animals? What if we mixed them together to create a crazy creature? In this session, participants will combine their favorite animals to create and name their crazy creatures.
2 hours	Ages 6-8	Studio Makers Felted Sculptures Taking wool roving and turning it into a 3D sculpture lets children fully engage in process art. During this session, participants will learn the basics of wool felting while creating 3D sculptures.

2 hours	Ages 6-8	Studio Makers Frank Stella Artist Study Frank Stella is an American-born artist. His abstract sculptures are filled with geometric shapes and spirals. During this session, participants will create cardboard sculptures inspired by Frank Stella.
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