

KidEx Do-It-Yourself National Challenge 2020

Activity description and self-learning manual

Activity: Draw 3 objects and color | Creativity & imagination | 7-8 years

Skill development milestone

The child is said to be in the schematic stage. This stage is typical of children between 5 to 8.

Drawings of people become more proportional and more detailed. Colors become more realistic and stereotypical (grass is green, the sky is blue). Skyline and ground lines start to show. Children have a schema about a way of drawing. For example, a house will be drawn the same way in many drawings. Children will often create stories to go along with their drawings.

At this stage, children will be developing skills important for art, including trial and error, patterns, shapes and interpretation.

Child holds onto positive beliefs involving the unexplainable (magic or fantasy). This would reflect in their choice of books, games and play. They also arrive at some understanding about death and dying; expresses fear that loved ones may die. Child learns all letter names and letter sounds for consonants. Learns to decode by identifying sounds for printed letters and synthesizing sounds across letters to form words.

Child is enthusiastic and inquisitive about surroundings and everyday events. The child can carry on adult-like conversations; asks many questions. Child loves telling jokes and riddles; often, the humor is far from subtle. Child experiments with slang and profanity and finds it funny.

Activity description

The child needs to draw 1 bird and 2 fruits & color the shape choosing appropriate colors while respecting the boundary.

You may choose any 1 bird and 2 fruits to draw and color. When the child can draw the figure by himself/herself, he/she can move to coloring the picture. Encourage them to select colors which would fit the object and guide them to give more details to the artwork. The child should learn to color within the boundaries.

You can guide your child to draw the given figures in the self-learning manual which has video tutorials by KidEx coaches. Here are some video tutorials by one of our KidEx coaches. These videos will help the child learn and practice on their own.

1. Birds: video tutorials
 - [Flamingo tutorial](#)
 - [Parrot tutorial](#)
 - [Macaw tutorial](#)
 - [Sparrow tutorial](#)
 - [Swan tutorial](#)
2. Fruits: video tutorials
 - [Mango and pear tutorial](#)
 - [Banana and papaya tutorial](#)
 - [Orange and grapes tutorial](#)
 - [Apple tutorial](#)
 - [Pineapple tutorial](#)

Do this exercise as playing session with the child for a few days. Your child can experiment with different figures and have fun. They might not get it perfectly right at first. With practice, they will be able to create artworks they are happy with and show good drawing and coloring skills. When you feel that the child has completed the activity successfully, you should take a picture of the artworks.

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The image(s) should be submitted as an entry as per submission guidelines. You may share the artwork with family, relatives & close friends as desired by you. Or post the videos on social media, if you wish, with the hash tag #KidExDIYChallenge or #KidExDIYNationalChallenge.

Submission guidelines

1. You have to send the image of the art drawn and colored by your child
2. Keep the total file size less than 20 MB
3. You can upload the files(s) at <https://www.kid-ex.com/diy-nc> (if total file size > 20 MB)
4. You can mail the file(s) to us at info@kid-ex.com (if total file size < 20 MB)
5. Please mention child's name, registered contact number & activity number in mail subject while submitting the file (Example: Veehan Saraf, 9654138862, Activity 1)
6. Kindly ensure you have registered for the event for us to assess the submission. If not registered, please visit <https://www.kid-ex.com/diy-reg> to register. New registrations allowed till 15th May.

Self-learning manual

Common mistake and things to keep in mind in this activity are:

1. Child is not in the right mindset while learning. They will learn and enjoy the process if they are in a happy mood.
2. The child is not holding the crayon or pencil correctly. It is the key to drawing and coloring.
3. The child lacks enthusiasm for colors and is not wanting to experiment with multiple color crayons.
4. The child is not comfortable with free-hand drawing and creates disjointed shapes.
5. The child is not able to maintain relative sizes of the object's different parts.
6. The child does not respect the boundary & the color extends much beyond the shape boundary.
7. The parent gets discouraged after initial "non-visually appealing" outcome as per "grown-up standards".

Key coaching tip to excel in this exercise is that first introduce the child to colors. Help the child appreciate the beauty of multiple colors. Get the child interested to hold the colors himself/herself in his/her hands. Be mindful to coach the kid to never take the color in their mouths or body parts.

As the child starts holding to colors, guide the child to correct the way of holding the pencil or crayon etc. Let the child get the grip correct and get started with the artwork rather than over-emphasizing on the perfect grip.

Encourage the child to use all the colors rather than stick to one color or color within the confines of the shape. Clap/celebrate/encourage the child for every artwork.

Guide them to try and keep the colors within the boundary after the child has become comfortable with the above & has started to enjoy the same.

Encourage the child to draw shapes & objects using free hand & focus first on creating the joint object rather than getting each & every shape right. Once the child can complete this, encourage the child to observe which parts of the object seem out of shape e.g. too thin, too fat etc. Ask the child to erase the disproportionate shape & re-draw. As the child re-draws, guide the child to observe hard & soft drawing skills to improve erasing with no marks on the sheet. Let the child re-draw the missing shape & improve the drawing till the child has perfected the same.

They should see this activity as a relaxing and fun way to express themselves. Encourage them to observe colors, lines, perspective, shape and form. They can learn about various colors, shades and hues through this activity. Coloring is an excellent medium of expression. Children often express their personality through drawing and coloring.

Do not be discouraged if the child does not get it right at first.

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Key benefits of this exercise are:

1. Stimulates creativity: A child makes an imaginary world in his mind before drawing the picture on the sheet
2. Self-expression: Some children like to express themselves through words, while some use the form art. You can tell a lot about a person by the colors he uses and the image he draws.
3. Improves Handwriting: Children need hand strength and dexterity to manipulate a pencil on a paper. Their grip on the crayon or pencil also affects their penmanship
4. Hand eye coordination: Coloring diagrams require your kids to color within the specified area
5. Relaxation and patience: It allow your children to be relaxed and comfortable while creating a piece of art
6. Sense of accomplishment: When child finishes coloring a page or drawing something
7. Focus: Children who spend their time coloring and drawing have better concentrations and focus skills
8. Knowledge: Coloring or drawing a picture can help your children to recognize line, perspective, color, hue, shape and form. Your children also learn to recognize patterns.
9. Therapeutic: Coloring and sketching is proven therapeutic for some kids, especially if they do it frequently. They vent their feelings, frustrations and other emotions through their artworks.

Entry evaluation guidelines

The maximum point for this activity is 20. Every entry would be rated as either:

1. Master (M): 100% score
 - a. The child has drawn and colored all the 3 objects and colored them appropriately while confining to the shape's boundary.
2. Intermediate (I): 80% score
 - a. The child has drawn and colored only 2 objects and colored them appropriately while confining to the shape's boundary.
 - b. The child has drawn and colored all 3 objects and colored them appropriately but confining only 90%+ adherence to the shape's boundary.
3. Beginner (B): 50% score
 - a. The child has drawn and colored only 1 object and colored it appropriately while confining to the shape's boundary.
 - b. The child has drawn and colored at least 2 objects and colored them appropriately but confining only 90%+ adherence to the shape's boundary.
4. Not applicable (NA): 0% score
 - a. All other submission cases.
 - b. No submission.

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About KidEx

KidEx is a company founded by Kapish Saraf & Amritanshu Kumar (IIT Kharagpur & IIM Calcutta alumnus). KidEx aims to create a platform to enable holistic & comprehensive development of every child by partnering with their parents in a logistically convenient manner for the parents. KidEx offers multiple extra-curricular activity classes for kids in physical & digital form (basis screen time guidelines) to enable child's holistic development. Live classes include: Chess, Arts, Mandarin, Spanish, French, German, Guitar, Movie-Making. Upcoming classes include: Academics, Robotics, Coding, Dramatics, multiple Dance & Music, Social Etiquette etc. KidEx will offer all learning solutions to parents under one umbrella. KidEx would soon launch a suite of digital products aimed at making child-raising easier & more fun for parents.

About KidEx Do-It-Yourself National Challenge

The event is an effort to spread awareness regarding need for all rounded development of the child. This is also, designed keeping in mind the current external scenarios where lockdown/no lockdown, social distancing practices would continue & schools/colleges might be shut for a few months which would require parents to find non-screen time learning opportunities for the child while demanding lesser time for parents allowing them some breathing space for themselves.

The event is open to all Indian citizens in India or abroad across age groups of 3 to 17 years. Basis the submitted entries, for every age, a leader board would be created & declared.

Prizes & certificates

We will conduct two versions of the event for all interested parents. Parents can decide whether they want their child to participate in the paid version or the free version of the event. Entry charge for paid version of the event is INR 500 for every child.

Paid version participants would be eligible for:

1. Prizes for winners across all age category
 - a. Number of winners linked to number of paid version participants
 - b. 50% of registration fees to be distributed as prize to winners
2. Winner & participation certificates
3. Assessment score for every submitted entry & leader board position summary

Free version participants would be eligible for:

1. Assessment score for every submitted entry

Even participants interested in paid version would be required to pay the amount after 7th May allowing them opportunity to participate first & then, decide.