



MAKING MARKS

Suits ages 0 months – 36 months



What you'll need:

- Paper – this can be old wallpaper, cardboard as well as paper
- Pens
- Crayons
- Pencils
- Chalk
- Paint

What you do:

1. Allow your child the sensory experience to make marks using the tools and materials available to them.

Getting children started with mark making and 'scribbling' is central to them becoming confident writers when they get older. Children will start mark making by gaining an understanding that the movements they make whilst holding a pencil makes marks. This will enable children to eventually have meaning to the marks they make, as well as begin to form noticeable shapes and form letters.

Where children do not show an interest in mark making, try finger painting or even add paint into sandwich bags for the children to feel (without getting their hands messy).

You can develop this further by talking about the colours they are using.