

# Is your classroom well-stocked for open-ended art?



- Every doodle day should include plenty of time for open-ended art experiences.
- Your ‘art cart’ should be fully stocked with a wide variety of materials (newsprint, construction paper, crayons, playdough, collage materials, etc.) at all times and should be ‘open’ for most of the day. Just paper & crayons or markers is not enough!
- Even the ‘art projects’ included in the curriculum should be focused on the process, not the product. Just provide the materials—let the children provide the rest!

**“All young children are great artists. The importance of their art is in the act of creating with confidence and in using their imaginations.”**

OCFS Regulation 418-1.7 (c) The child day care center must make a sufficient quantity and variety of materials and play equipment available to the children.

MSA High Quality Indicator: The curriculum encourages creative expression, promotes appreciation for visual and performing arts, and supports development of artistic skills suitable to children’s maturity.



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