### **HOME ACTIVITIES FOR PRESCHOOLERS**

## **FINE MOTOR ACTIVITIES**

<u>Squeezing Water with Basters</u> – Add mini basters to a tub of water to work on squeezing the hand muscles.

<u>Pipe Cleaner Beading</u> – Preschoolers will use their pincer grasp to slide beads onto the pipe cleaners.

Q-Tip Foil Painting – Provide sheets of foil, paint, and q-tips to use as paint brushes.

<u>Garlic Press Playdough</u> – Show children how to squeeze playdough through a garlic press or citrus squeezer.

<u>Cut Straw Threading</u> – Cut straws into smaller pieces for preschoolers to thread onto yarn, creating a necklace.

<u>Hole Punching Paper</u> – Preschoolers will hole punch various colors of paper to strengthen hand muscles. (The Resourceful Mama)

<u>Bead Drop</u> – Cut out a lid with four small holes to drop beads through into a jar. (Modern Preschool)

<u>Peeling Tape</u> – Lay strips of painter's tape down on a table for toddlers to peel off. (Hands On As We Grow)

<u>Squeezing Sponges</u> – Include some giant sponges into a bin of water for squeezing. (Things to Share and Remember)

<u>Pipe Cleaner Weaving</u> – Preschoolers will weave pipe cleaners back and forth through a cooling rack. (JDaniel4's Mom)

<u>Pom-Pom Tube Drop</u> – Tape toilet paper tubes to the wall to create a course for the pom-poms to drop through. (Teaching Littles)

<u>Clothespin Clipping</u> – Provide a wire basket for children to clip clothespins onto. (School Time Snippets)

<u>Cutting Strips</u> – Print off these strips with lines for preschoolers to cut, working on their scissor skills. (Planes and Balloons)

<u>Easy Paper Tunnels</u> – Tape pieces of paper onto the ground in an arched formation for toddlers to push cars or a ball through. (Mama Papa Bubba)

<u>Rubber Band Pinecones</u> – Wrap rubber bands around pinecones to work on coordination. (The Imagination Tree)

#### MATH AND COGNITIVE SKILL ACTIVITIES

<u>Playdough Counting Mats</u> – Roll balls of playdough to match the number on the printable mats.

<u>Number Matching with Paper Cups</u> – Match the number on top of the paper cups with the amount of dots on the paper. (Fun Learning for Kids)

<u>DIY Counting Cards</u> – Make your own counting cards using stickers or dots. (Learn with Play at Home)

<u>Car Park Numbers</u> – Tape numbers on top of toy cars and create a cardboard parking lot with numbered spaces to match them together. (B-Inspired Mama)

<u>Shape Hunt</u> – Hide different shape cut-outs around your space for preschoolers to hunt for and find.

<u>Simple Shape Puzzles</u> – Draw shapes onto multiple popsicle sticks for homemade puzzle pieces. (Toddler At Play)

<u>Tape Shape Outlines</u> – Put down outlines of shapes using painter's tape to trace around with different small objects. (Learning 4 Kids)

<u>House Color Hunt</u> – Have a scavenger hunt where preschoolers have to search for different objects around the house that match the colors on the sheet. (Toddler At Play)

<u>Shape Sorting</u> – Sort toys and various objects into piles on the floor by shape. (Busy Toddler)

<u>Fill to the Line</u> – Draw or tape a line over a clear container for preschoolers to fill to that line. (Days With Grey)

#### **ART ACTIVITIES**

<u>Circle Stampers</u> – Simply dip empty paper rolls into various colors of paint to make a stamp for circle shapes.

<u>Watercolor Garland</u> – Paint with watercolors and q-tips to create a beautiful decoration. (Artbar)

<u>Sponge Painting</u> – Clip sponges with clothespins to make sponge brushes. (Busy Toddler)

<u>Paper Plate Sculptures</u> – Decorate paper plates and cut the sides to connect the plates together. (Kids Activities)

<u>Fizzy Flour Paint</u> – Create your own flour paint that fizzes using flour and baking soda. (Playdough to Plato)

<u>Sponge Rainbow</u> – Paint the different colors of the rainbow on a sponge to swipe a rainbow onto paper.

<u>Blow Paint</u> – Use a straw to blow the watercolors around the paper, creating a fun effect. (Simple Everyday Mom)

<u>Yarn Process Art</u> – Drag the pieces of yarn around the paper through the paint. (Buggy and Buddy)

<u>DIY Paintbrushes</u> – Experiment with clipping various objects to clothespins to make unique paintbrushes. (The Inspired Home)

<u>Painting With Bubbles</u> – Use a paint and soap mixture to blow bubbles onto the paper, leaving an outline of them behind. (Early Learning Ideas)

<u>Citrus Printing</u> – Cut citrus fruits in half to stamp with paint, leaving behind a fun print. (Rhythms of Play)

## LITERACY ACTIVITIES

<u>Introduce Journals</u> – Show your preschooler how journals are books for writing and drawing their thoughts in.

<u>Cupcake Tin Letter Sorting</u> – Preschoolers will sort out the letters into the correct cupcake liner. (The Imagination Tree)

<u>Post-It Alphabet</u> – Write down letters onto post-it notes for kids to stick under the matching letter. (Busy Toddler)

<u>Playdough Name Prints</u> – Push foam or magnetic letters into the playdough to make a print of the child's name letter by letter. (123 Homeschool 4 Me)

<u>Name Stamp</u> – Glue foam letters backwards to a popsicle stick to create a stamp. (My Bored Toddler)

<u>Touch and Feel Letters</u> – Glue pipe cleaners onto pieces of cardboard to create letters that toddlers can touch. (Teach Me Mommy)

<u>Sensory Letter Hunt</u> – Bury letters in a sensory bin for preschoolers to dig through and match onto the paper. (Busy Toddler)

<u>Hidden Letters</u> – Write down the child's name with white crayon for them to reveal with watercolors. (Fantastic Fun and Learning)

## LARGE MOTOR ACTIVITIES

<u>Bubble Wrap Runway</u> – Tape leftover bubble wrap down onto the ground for toddlers to walk on and pop. (Hands On As We Grow)

<u>Hallway Maze</u> – Tape streamers to the walls of your hallway to make a laser maze to move through without touching the streamers. (It's Always Autumn)

<u>Indoor Obstacle Course</u> – Set up a simple obstacle course within your own home to promote movement. (How to Run a Home Daycare)

<u>Walk the Lines</u> – Lay lines of painters tape on the ground in various paths for toddlers to follow. (Hands On As We Grow)

<u>Texture Walk</u> – Tape various materials onto the ground for toddlers to walk on, experiencing all of the different textures. (A Cotton Kandi Life)

<u>Yoga for Kids</u> – Get the body moving and stretching with these yoga poses for young kids. (Kids Yoga Stories)

# Here's some of our art activities that are perfect for preschoolers:

# **Art Activity Websites**

https://handsonaswegrow.com/35-kid-activities-with-crayons/

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- Crayons
- Markers
- Colored Pencils
- Watercolor
- Playdough
- Paper
- Tape
- Glue
- Glue Sticks
- scissors
- Incorporate outside
  - Leaves
  - Pinecones
  - Sticks
  - o Snow
  - o Dirt
- Environmental College
  - Newpaper
  - Magazines
  - Cardboard food containers