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| **Early Year Foundation Stage**  The development of children’s artistic and cultural awareness supports their imagination and creativity. It is important children have regular opportunities to engage with the arts, enabling them to explore and play with a wide range of media and materials. The quality and variety of what children see, hear, and participate in is crucial for developing their understanding, self-expression, vocabulary, and ability to communicate through the arts. The frequency, repetition and depth of their experiences are fundamental to their progress in interpreting and appreciating what they hear, respond to, and observe.  Access resources, activity ideas, and advice for teaching expressive arts and design to early years children.  **Early years expressive arts and design resources.**  Resources are split into 3 areas based on the educational programmes:   * [Imagination and creativity](https://help-for-early-years-providers.education.gov.uk/expressive-arts-and-design/imagination-and-creativity) * [Self-expression](https://help-for-early-years-providers.education.gov.uk/expressive-arts-and-design/self-expression) * [Communicating through arts](https://help-for-early-years-providers.education.gov.uk/expressive-arts-and-design/communicating-through-arts)   <https://help-for-early-years-providers.education.gov.uk/expressive-arts-and-design> |

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| **Early Year Foundation Stage** Through these activities, children in the EYFS will build a strong foundation in creativity and self-expression, setting the stage for their artistic journey in later years. | | | | |
| **Fine art** | **Graphic communication** | **Textile design** | **Three-dimensional design** | **Photography** |
| Children will:   * Explore drawing with crayons, pencils, and markers, focusing on mark-making and simple shapes. * Experiment with painting using brushes, sponges, and fingers to explore primary colours. * Create simple collages by cutting and sticking different materials such as paper and fabric. * Develop an understanding of patterns and shapes through playful art activities inspired by their surroundings. | Children will:   * Create simple designs using bold shapes and bright colours such as posters or greeting cards. * Experiment with drawing letters or simple symbols, laying the foundation for understanding typography.   Use stamps, stencils, or templates to explore repetition and pattern. | Children will:   * Explore texture and pattern by working with fabric scraps, ribbons, and threads. * Create simple weavings using paper or yarn, developing fine motor coordination. * Decorate fabric with basic painting or stamping techniques. | Children will:   * Create simple sculptures using playdough, clay, or recycled materials. * Explore balance and structure by building with blocks or cardboard. * Use tactile exploration to understand the properties of materials such as sand, water, or soft clay. | Children will:   * Use child-friendly cameras or tablets to capture images of objects, people, or nature. * Explore framing and perspective through simple activities such as taking photos of their favourite toys. * Create photo collages or displays, helping them understand storytelling through imagery. |