



Games for Art-Making

Here are some games which teachers can play with children to increase their participation and enjoyment in art-related activities:

Game	Description
Relay Drawing	Get the children in teams. Set up a relay race with two stations, the first where they pick up their chosen painting tool and the second with a canvas for them to paint on. Have the children engage in a relay race and create an artwork as a team. For added challenge, set a theme for the artwork or a timer for each child.
Simon Says	Play “Simon Says” using instructions for prompting the children’s drawing, such as, <i>“Draw two circles”</i> , <i>“Draw a curved line with your left hand”</i> and <i>“Draw a straight line in the square”</i> .
Art Dice	Create dice with different art-related prompts. The prompts can be based on different themes (e.g., nature, machines), elements of art, techniques, materials or medium. Have the children roll a die and create an artwork based on the prompt shown on the die from their roll. The game can be extended by having the children roll more than one die at a time to produce more interesting results.
Scribble Game	Play a scribble game in a group. Have each child in the group draw a quick scribble on a blank sheet of paper before passing their paper to their group member seated on their left or right. Give each child 1 minute to look closely at the scribbles on the paper to see what the scribbles remind them of and add on to the scribbles or drawing. Continue the game until every child in the group has at least two turns to add on to each drawing.