

MUSICAL DRAWING

Focusing on Communication and Literacies

Musical drawing is an activity for both children and adults to explore their senses of sight and sound together. It can be very fun and rewarding for your child if they show interest in music and rhythm.

Through this experience, children will learn to:

- Explore the world using their bodies and senses
- Build, create, and design using different materials and techniques
- Actively explore, think, and reason
- Be creative and expressive in a variety of ways
- Express a zest for living and learning

(Let's Play! 2019)



ACTIVITY

This activity can be set up at a table or on the floor with a medium sized paper but it will work best with a large piece of paper so your child can have a big surface to expand drawing.



Choose any type of music that your child and you listen to, or perhaps important in your community, such as different types of drumming, dance, or other instrumental music.

- Bring out some crayons, markers, chalk, or finger paint.
- Play the music and encourage your child to draw or paint on the paper, according to what they hear in the music.



EXTENSION

Take it outside!

When weather permits, take this activity outside. Your child will have a bigger space to explore! Add texture by adding sparkles or plain salt to your paint. See if your child notices the difference. Try soap and water with a little bit of food coloring. It makes bubbles! Are the bubbles colorful?



Here is a nice song that can help your child understand musical drawings:

The Artist song! / Nursery Rhymes & Kids Songs with Sweet Tweets

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p0OMfzTqbhw>

SONG

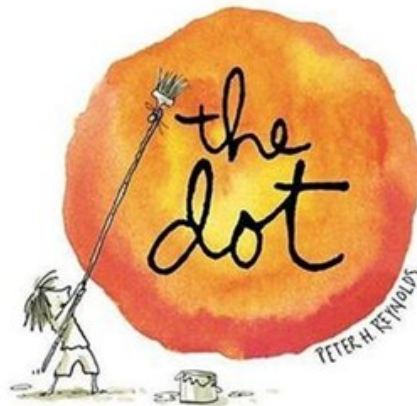
I'm in the Mood for Singing by Raffi

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QMlbP4TTV5g>

I'm in the mood for singing
Hey, how about you?
I'm in the mood for singing
Hey, how about you?
I'm in the mood for singing
Singing along with you
Hey, hey, what do you say
I'm in the mood for that today
Hey, hey, what do you say
I'm in the mood for that.

Repeat with words like clapping, whistling, stomping

BOOK



The Dot

by Peter H. Reynolds

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Clpw7PG7m1Q>

REFERENCE

BC Ministry of Education (2019), *Let's Play! Activities for Families*

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