

## **How to Get Your Children Excited About Art**

Children love to create. This is great news for parents to get their own kids involved in the arts. But, teaching a child with developmental delays complex processes, such as mixing paint or stringing jewelry, isn't always easy. What it is is a labor of love that has many benefits for children of all abilities. Practicing art of any kind improves confidence and can make learning easier. Here are a few tips from [The Creative Center](#) blog on how to get your youngest Picasso excited.

### **Create a dedicated art gallery for them.**

Something kids like even more than doing art is showing it off. This is evident if you look at The Creative Center's online store, where [dozens of talented artists](#) easily show that learning differences are no match for talent. You might even plan a gallery showing for friends and family where they can "purchase" pieces of art.

### **Let them choose their own medium.**

Art doesn't simply mean a paintbrush and a canvas. There are many different mediums from which to choose. Your kids might pick sculpting, for example, [music or moviemaking](#). There are also many subcategories of each type of art. Don't be shy about letting your children explore to see what appeals to them the most.

### **Incorporate learning into activities.**

Using art, you can teach your children everything from colors and composition to literature and engineering. Everything you do can relate to a social, scientific, or other principle.

### **Be patient.**

Being the parent of a child with special needs does not automatically gift you unlimited patience, something Life As Mom blog contributor Deanna Smith explains is [a continual learning process](#). But, patience is exactly what you need when teaching any child. If you are stressed out, they will feel it, and they will be less likely to enjoy the experience.

### **Remember, art is subjective.**

One of the most important things to keep in mind as you enter your art adventure is that art is subjective. This is just a big word that essentially means that it is in the [eye of the beholder](#). Don't worry about trying to get your children to follow strict guidelines, let them translate their emotions and thoughts in whatever way looks best to them.

## **Starting Your Own Art School**

Once you have mastered teaching your own children, you may realize that teaching art is your purpose. If so, the following tips can help you get started:

- **Reduce your personal liability with an LLC.** Forming an LLC is a fairly simple process that doesn't involve a ton of paperwork, but does reduce your personal liability. You can use a formation service online to help you establish your [LLC: California cost](#) is only about \$90 to \$115 if you do the formation online.
- **Create a safe space.** A safe space for a developmentally delayed child might mean anything from padded tables to having [a calming environment](#) so that they feel safe while they create.
- **Consider a degree in special education.** If you find that you are truly passionate about teaching children with special needs, consider a degree program from one of the [nearly 900](#) universities in the US that offer a certificate, associate's degree, bachelor's degree, or master's degree in special education.

Art can enhance people's lives, and that includes your children with special needs. But, your idea of art and their idea of art might be different. Make sure that you give them plenty of options, be patient, and remember that their vision of beauty might be different than yours. Once you've mastered this, you may find that teaching is your calling, so don't be afraid to take your talents to the world to benefit the disability community.



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