

Review for *Preschool Art*

Start (magazine published by the National Society for Education in Art and Design)

The American author tackles the subject of pre-school art with enthusiasm and provides over 200, what she calls 'process art experiences' for young children.

Activities range from drawing, painting and sculpture to craft, collage and construction. Children are encouraged to try painting with corn cobs or making sandpaper prints.

The first chapter of the book is called 'The Basics' – basic art ideas which provide the foundation for other projects in the book. The remaining four chapters are arranged by seasons and divided by months with around 20 art ideas for each month. There are four art categories used: drawing, painting, sculpting with dough and clay, and crafts/construction.

The book is clearly laid out with one activity per page. Each activity is labelled with the appropriate age range, preparation time, amount of help needed and any extra supervision required.

This practical book is intended for teachers of pre-school, early years children and playgroup leaders. It could also be of value to primary school teachers, trainee teachers and interested parents.