

The benefits of drawing

Children need time to develop their drawing skills from simple mark making and becoming familiar with how to make marks with different tools, and then moving through to representational drawing that looks like known items.



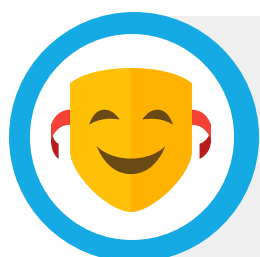
Knowing how to use tools

Through allowing children to explore a range of different drawing tools from writing implements like chalk, pencil, pens, crayons, textas, to different types of paper and surfaces children will become more familiar with what their preferences are and how to use different tools.



Fine motor control

The more tools you provide for drawing the more they will develop children's fine motor control as they are different sizes and shapes and need different amounts of pressure. Giving children opportunities to draw and mark make regularly helps support this.



Expression of self

Drawing is a great way to allow children to express their emotions and feelings and can help you to recognise children who may have things going on in their lives that need some support. For this reason drawing can be used as an aspect of wellbeing in the service.



Sharing ideas

Drawing allows children to share their ideas that they may not have the language for and want to communicate. It also allows children to bring their ideas to life through drawing elements for their creations in all areas of the service environment.



School readiness

Drawing leads to writing because it allows children to develop control of the implements, and learn to work with shapes such as lines, circles and zig zags that form the basis of letters they will be writing a lot when they are in school so their hands don't get fatigued.