

Parent Guide



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We're excited to share this activity with you. If you are interested in finding more engaging, fun and interesting activities for you and your children, then check out these links to different areas of the [Twinkl Parents](#) website.

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What is this resource and how do I use it?

Mark making is a brilliant way to support your child's physical development and early writing skills - as well as just being a fun, engaging activity! Here, we have pulled together our top ten activity ideas for mark making at home that shouldn't take too much setting up (or cleaning down!) using items that you probably already have at home.

What skills does this practise?

Mark Making

Physical Development

Play at Home

Topic Awareness: Spring

Further Activity Ideas and Suggestions

For more information, here's [A Parent Guide to Mark Making](#). You might also be interested in our [Developing Children's Pencil Grip: Parent Guide](#). Don't forget, [colouring pages](#) are a simple but very effective tool for supporting mark making too - and very easy to transport and whip out when needed!

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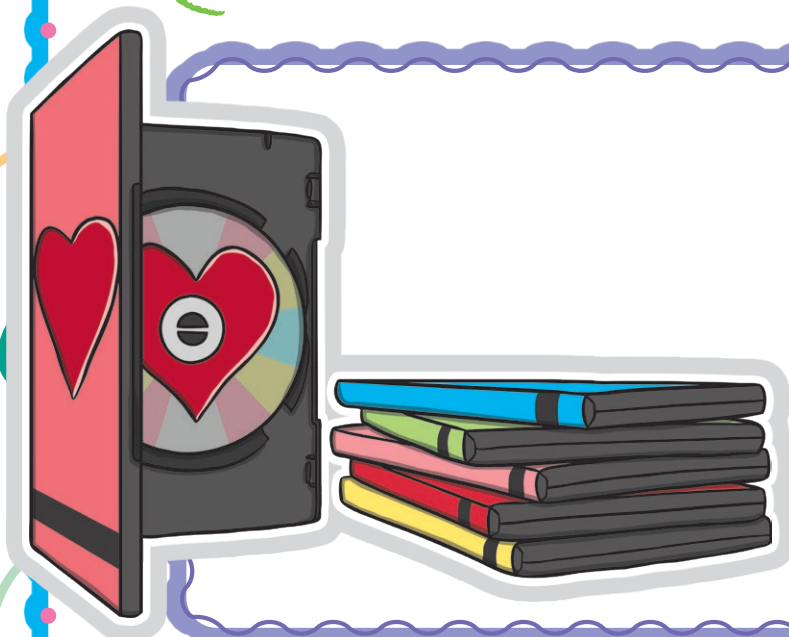
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Top Ten Activity Ideas for Mark Making at Home

DIY DVD
Whiteboards

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Replace the sleeve inside an old DVD case with a piece of plain, white paper, then let your child use a dry wipe pen to make marks to their heart's content on the outside of the DVD case. You can even store items such as dry wipe pens and mark-making cards within the case.

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Shaving Foam Painting

Squirt some shaving foam into a bowl, give your child a paintbrush and let them paint the bath or shower wall during bathtime.

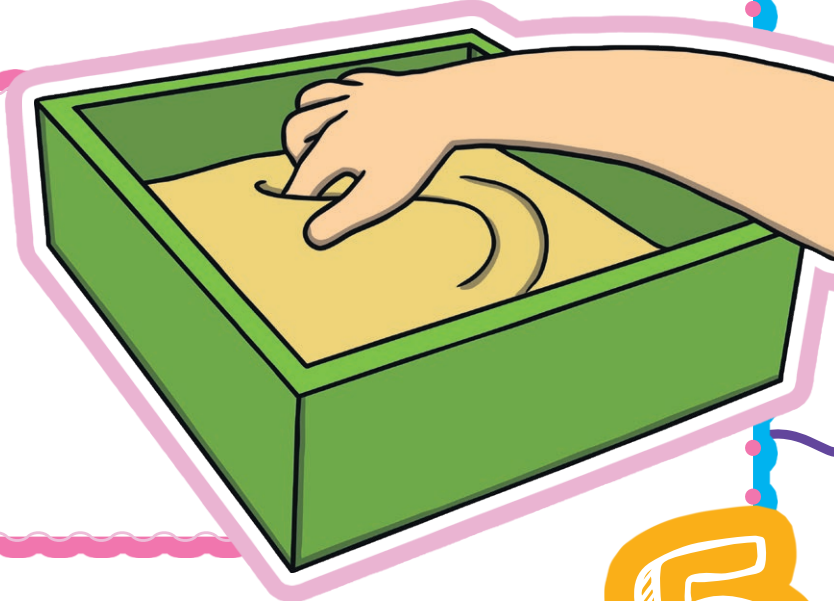


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Messy Mark Making

Sensory trays can be super simple to set up - pour some dried rice, lentils, beans or flour into a shallow tray and let your child make marks with their fingers or any tools you want to give them.



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Use Your Hands

Many children adore finger-painting or making handprints - just give them some paint and paper and let them explore!



Wash the Windows

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This is a little messy, despite its name! Fill a bowl with soapy water and give your child a sponge or brushes to wash the windows - brilliant for mark making and developing their motor skills.

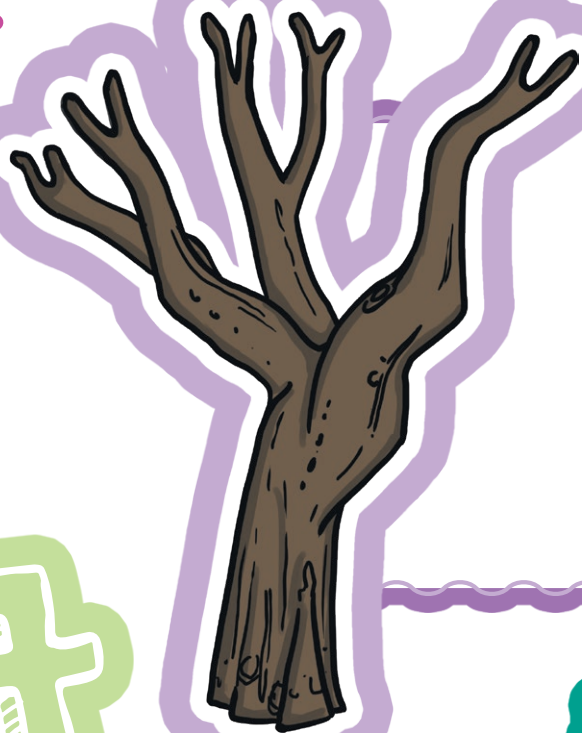


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Make Vertical Marks

Drawing or painting on vertical surfaces is brilliant for young children's shoulder strength and mobility. If you need a quick outdoor mark-making activity, let your child paint with water on a wall, fence or tree trunk.



Draw a Nursery Rhyme

Play a nursery rhyme through your phone and experiment with making marks that go with the lyrics, e.g. draw big lines going up, down and side to side as you listen to 'The Grand Old Duke of York'.

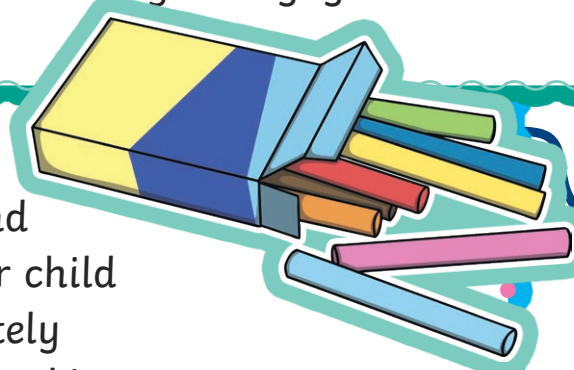
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Chunky Chalks

Use chunky chalks indoors or outdoors - just giving your child a different mark-making tool than usual can be a big enough change in their activity to engage them!

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Try both wet and dry chalk - your child will get completely different mark-making experiences.

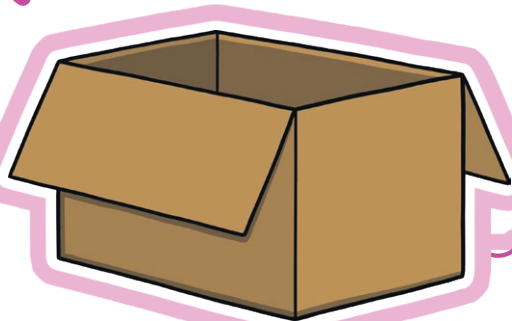
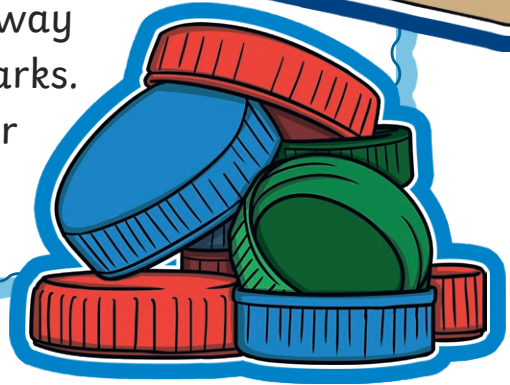
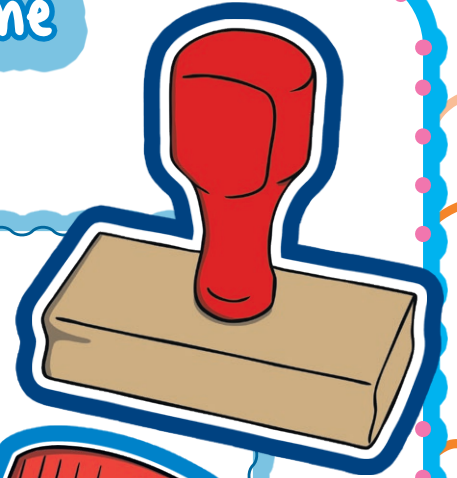


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Stamp, Stamp, Stamp

Your child doesn't need to be drawing to mark make. Pressing or stamping objects into modelling dough to make marks is a great way for young children to experience making marks. Use anything you like - lids, stamps, toy car tyres, natural objects, utensils, etc.



Give Them a Cardboard Box

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Disclaimer Sensory activities can engage children in their play and learning, but supervising adults should check for allergens and assess any potential risks (such as the risk of choking from small objects) before the activity, and only proceed if it is safe to do so. We cannot be held responsible for the health and safety of those participating and cannot accept any liability. By using this resource, you acknowledge that it is the responsibility of supervising adults to ensure the safety of children in their care.

Any cardboard box will do! Medium to large cardboard boxes are fun to try mark making on a different scale (especially if your child can get inside them and even mark make upside down) but small cereal boxes can spark your child's imagination and encourage them to mark make too.