

The Artful Parent Simple Ways To Fill Your Family's Life With Art And Creativity Includes Over 60 Art Projects For Children Ages 1 To 8

"Do what you can to help your children's imaginations to grow and flourish - encourage activities which feed their imaginations" ~ Sir Ken Robinson, 2008. This quotation inspired the authors to think about sharing their life-long collection of tried and true creativity activities and resources. Their engaging and provoking book, *The Creativity Crusade*, is a result of these efforts. It provides the strategies and mindsets needed to nurture and protect children's creativity! The book begins with questions for parents to ponder: * What are the most important elements that should be included in your child's education to prepare them for the future? * How much longer can America hold on to its innovative status with the testing culture that currently exists in our classrooms? * What role can you, as a parent, play in nurturing and supporting your child's creativity? The authors provide innovative - practical - researched-based - suggestions from both their classroom and parenting experiences. Rest assured, the activities, methods and tools presented in this book will give you the confidence and knowledge to start making a difference in how your children experience life, learning and happiness. And finally, the authors invite you to join their Creativity Crusade for every child, every parent, every grandparent, every home, EVERY DAY!" This book is refreshing. I know schools cannot be expected to take charge of fostering creativity in children and teenagers anytime soon. Parents own this responsibility. This whole idea intrigues me. I'm reading this with a highlighter and sticky notes." ~ Robby Champion, Champion Consulting Looking forward to using this innovative and informative book in my private practice. Kudos to Dr. Rick and Patti Shade! ~ Lisa Griggs, Family Therapist

Calling all teenagers—quit the moaning and start loving life! Don't be a cliché. Don't stay in your bedroom grunting and grumbling. How about getting motivated, energized and start making a difference?! The *Art of Being A Brilliant Teenager* teaches you how to become your very best self—and how to figure out who that is, exactly. The bestselling authors of *The Art of Being Brilliant* and *Be Brilliant Everyday* are experts in the art of happiness and positive psychology and, with this new book, you'll find your way to becoming brilliant at school, work, and life in general. Stay cool under all the pressures you're facing, and plot a map for the future that takes you wherever it is you want to go. Become proactive, determined, successful and most importantly: happy! Fact: your life span is about four thousand weeks. It seems like a lot, but it's not. Complaining about life, homework, parents, and relationships may be normal now, but don't let it become your defining trait. When you're forty years old and still moaning, a big chunk of your four thousand weeks have slipped by, and you're no closer to happiness than you were as a teen. This book is a guide to starting the journey to your ideal life now, instead of wasting time being a drip. Discover the real you, and what you want out of life Stop moaning and get moving now, while there's plenty of time Lose your bad habits before they become your personality Figure out how you want to contribute, and find a way to do it The bottom line is this: it's easy to be the average version of yourself, but is that really all you want? Don't you want to achieve something? Get started now. The *Art of Being A Brilliant Teenager* helps you figure out where you want to go, and how to get there. So, whether you're an ambitious teenager, a parent or teacher desperate to turn a down-beat teenager into a ray of positivity and delight, *How to Be a Brilliant Teenager* is here to help.

Help children draw and think more creatively by inspiring them with interesting and challenging art prompts and questions. *Invitation to Draw* offers 99 open-ended drawing prompts, each one proposing a question to investigate that encourages children to free associate and problem solve. The perforated pages make it easy to tear out prompts for on-the-go activities or allowing multiple kids to draw at the same time. A blank cake provides the chance to decorate a dream confection, an empty house inspires stories about who lives there, and a grid of triangles supplies the chance to explore abstract art. What might be hiding in that tree? What sort of robot can you design? The possibilities are endless! Drawing prompts inspire and encourage kids to think and draw differently, and sometimes more creatively, than they might when faced with a blank page. By offering constraints such as a pair of eyes or an empty car and asking a question, children begin thinking about the possibilities and answering the question in their heads even before they put pen (or marker or crayon!) to paper. And through the act of drawing and observing the drawing unfold, the brain continues to think and problem solve, opening up all kinds of creative possibilities around that specific idea.

You are a parent and with that title comes both endless joy and incredible responsibility. You have the opportunity to mold and shape your child in any way imaginable, and that fact alone is scary and overwhelming. Stop thinking you have to do it all by yourself! In *The Intentional Bookshelf* author, blogger, and bibliophile-mama, Samantha Munoz shares how her daughter's carefully curated bookshelf has saved her sanity as a parent and can save yours, too. Through actionable tips, thoughtful personal stories, and tongue in cheek humor, Sam teaches you: The value of literature for parents and children How to plan and build your child's library The types of books to choose from How to organize your shelves Unique activities to go outside the book and more! The choice is yours; either struggle through parenting with no backup or learn to craft a library of resources that is a reflection of your child and your family. (Hint, if the second option sounds amazing this book is for you!)"

Join Bartholomew Cubbins in Dr. Seuss's Caldecott Honor-winning picture book about a king's magical mishap! Bored with rain, sunshine, fog, and snow, King Derwin of Didd summons his royal magicians to create something new and exciting to fall from the sky. What he gets is a storm of sticky green goo called Oobleck—which soon wreaks havoc all over his kingdom! But with the assistance of the wise page boy Bartholomew, the king (along with young readers) learns that the simplest words can sometimes solve the stickiest problems.

GUAMAZING Hand Drawn Art Featuring Chamorro Designs is an adult Guam coloring book that highlights the beautiful images of the island and the tropics. Bertha Aflague, a Chamorro native of Guam, enjoys practicing the artful dance of her pen as she creates beautiful patterns that bring Guamanians and its visitors across the world back to the islands! Detach yourself from the everyday distractions, excite your senses and unwind with detailed designs that will keep you entertained. Enjoy coloring a new collection of unique tropical and Guam-related images for your artistic endeavor. These unique hand-drawn designs are best colored with fine colored pens and pencils. The use of heavy felt tip markers may bleed through and are not recommended.

Relax, play and colour in the strange world which lives in the Doodle Monkey's head, whatever your age... In "The Weird Colouring Book for Kids of all ages", you will find detailed line art that is perfect for colouring in. Many intricate illustrations (some more complex than others), for you to colour and enjoy. Aliens, skateboarding dogs, weird creatures, animals, odd scenes and strange sayings are among the 50 stunning images found in this gorgeous colouring book that is perfect for children and adults alike.

Encourage your child to play hidden pictures in order to encourage object constancy skills, which fuels the ability to determine pictures based on their features. This means that regardless of how an artist interprets an apple, your child will also recognize it as an apple. So what are you waiting for? Play hidden pictures today!

"Exuberantly written and illustrated—a surefire read-aloud hit." —School Library Journal Based on the simple concept of dreaming big, *An Awesome Book!* is the inspiring debut work of Los Angeles writer/artist sensation Dallas Clayton. Written in the vein of classic imaginative tales, this is a book for everyone, young and old. This brightly illustrated book works well as a gift for showers, graduations, and other life moments that involve dreaming big. Close your eyes my child, and dream that perfect dream inside your head.

Miss Hawthorn's room is neat and tidy, not a pencil or paintbrush is out of place. And that's how she likes it. And she likes trees that are colored green and apples that are painted red. Miss Hawthorn does not like things to be different or out of the ordinary. Into Miss Hawthorn's classroom comes young Willow. She doesn't color inside the lines, she breaks crayons, and she sees pink trees and blue apples. What will Miss Hawthorn think? Magical things can happen when your imagination is allowed to run wild, and for Miss Hawthorn the notion of what is art and what is possible is forever changed. Willow is the first joint writing effort for sisters Denise Brennan-Nelson and Rosemarie Brennan. Denise's other Sleeping Bear Press books include Someday Is Not a Day of the Week and My Grandma Likes to Say. She lives in Howell, Michigan. Rosemarie Brennan juggles careers as a writing teacher and an author. She lives in Brighton, Michigan. Cyd Moore studied graphic design and fine arts at the University of Georgia. Her work includes posters, billboards, books, newspaper and magazine articles, and cassette and CD covers. She is the illustrator of I Love You, Stinky Face and I Miss You, Stinky Face. She lives in Commerce, Michigan.

From Marriage and Family Experts Dennis and Barbara Rainey Dennis and Barbara Rainey have spent decades helping families find biblical help to strengthen and transform family relationships. Through radio broadcasts, conferences, and other events, they have been teaching on the foundations necessary for building godly families. Now they bring insights and expertise gleaned from those years of ministry, as well as from their own personal experience of raising six children, to The Art of Parenting. Expanding on parenting themes shared with FamilyLife audiences in person and on the radio, Dennis and Barbara offer trusted advice on how to establish Christian values in your home. In The Art of Parenting, Dennis and Barbara will help you to experience God's truth and apply his Word in your family by focusing your attention on four crucial elements in your children's lives: 1. Identity--understanding who they are in Christ 2. Character--learning to live wisely and honorably 3. Relationships--fostering godly connections with others 4. Mission--understanding why they are here When you apply biblical truths in these four areas, you can feel confident your children will have a foundation they can build upon for the rest of their lives.

Action Art: Hands-On Active Art Adventures is A Collection of Over 100 Active Hands-On Art Experiences for Children 2-12, Full of Adventure, Movement, and Discovery. FOR SCHOOLS • HOMESCHOOLS • MUSEUMS • LIBRARIES • CHILDCARE • HOME Shelving: ART ACTIVITIES • EDUCATION • PARENTING Over 100 action-packed art activities bring discovery and adventurous creativity to children's art experiences that will delight and challenge kids of all ages. Each child-tested art activity is grouped into engaging action categories including: 1.Smacking • Squeezing • Tapping 2.Rolling • Spinning • Swinging 3.Blowing • Exploding • Smooshing 4.Tools • Toys • Utensils 5.Up • Down • All Around Full color photographs highlight all activities including painting, photography, collage and sculpture, each with helpful icons indicating levels for both children and adults. Action Art experiences are built on the knowledge that art for children is a creative process and not just a finished product. MaryAnn Kohl is famous around the world for encouraging children to experience creative art exploration best known as "process art". Action Art offers 5 chapters of exciting and adventurous creative art activities, all with surprise outcomes, including - Blowing Glitter, Dancing Blottos, Bubble Wrap, Boot Walk, Clear Color Squish

Preschoolers will have hours of fun with this activity-packed book. There are puzzles to complete, simple mathematics, find objects, alphabets and more . A great way for kids to learn while having fun.

Crafting has never been more popular and Maggy Woodley, the creative force behind Red Ted, is passionate about making things with her children, Max, four, and Pippa, two. Using recycled materials and bits and bobs collected when out and about, here are over 60 utterly irresistible things to make with your kids. From adorable peanut shell finger puppets to walnut babies, loo roll marionettes and egg carton fairy lights, fabric mache bowls, stick men and shell crabs, stone people, and many more, these are projects for all the family to have fun with. And what's more, the end results are so cute and desirable that they look great around the home, or make wonderfully unique and personal gifts. With a funky, modern design and vibrant full colour photography throughout, this is a must-have addition to every young family's bookshelf.

Follow the line on a journey from the city to the country, from the sky to the ocean, from morning till night. Laura Ljungkvist uses her trademark continuous line style to create the perfect counting book for young children. Each scene contains questions designed to get children looking, counting, and thinking. For example, in the underwater picture, children can count seashells, turtles, and the legs on an octopus. Each page is packed with colorful, artful objects and animals—and young counters can follow the line from the front cover to the back cover, through each stunning scene.

A how-to book with a purpose—promoting cultural understanding and environmental awareness through making books.

Bring out your child's creativity and imagination with more than 60 artful activities in this completely revised and updated edition Art making is a wonderful way for young children to tap into their imagination, deepen their creativity, and explore new materials, all while strengthening their fine motor skills and developing self-confidence. The Artful Parent has all the tools and information you need to encourage creative activities for ages one to eight. From setting up a studio space in your home to finding the best art materials for children, this book gives you all the information you need to get started. You'll learn how to: * Pick the best materials for your child's age and learn to make your very own * Prepare art activities to ease children through transitions, engage the most energetic of kids, entertain small groups, and more * Encourage artful living through everyday activities * Foster a love of creativity in your family

One of the skills developed in preschool is math. This workbook is for counting and object familiarization. Your child will love how information is presented in big, gorgeous pictures. The vibrant colors are very attractive, and the overall activity is quite engaging. Who said learning to count is boring when you have this book around?

The majority of us would not necessarily define ourselves as artists. We're parents, students, businesspeople, friends. We're working hard, trying to make ends meet, and often longing for a little more--more time, more love, more security, more of a sense that there is more out there. The truth? We need not look around so much. God is within us and he wants to shine through us in a million little ways. A Million Little Ways uncovers the creative, personal imprint of God on every individual. It invites the discouraged parent, the bored Christian, the exhausted executive to look at their lives differently by approaching their critics, their jobs, and the kids around their table the same way an artist approaches the canvas--with wonder, bravery, and hope. In her gentle, compelling style, Emily Freeman encourages readers to turn down the volume on their inner critic and move into the world with the courage to be who they most deeply are. She invites regular people to see the artistic potential in words, gestures, attitudes, and relationships. Readers will discover the art in a quiet word, a hot dinner, a made bed, a grace-filled glance, and a million other ways of showing God to the world through the simple human acts of listening, waiting, creating, and showing up.

Provides over sixty art projects for children designed to inspire creativity and imagination, including creating artful envelopes, tracing shadow shapes, and making collage frames.

Get ready for kid-approved ideas that celebrate the great outdoors year round! Whether you're building forts or making fresh cider, there's something for every kid and every season. Each season is full of excitement waiting to be found and Rachel highlights the best of each one with sections for recipes, nature exploration and play, and natural history: In spring, make candied

violets, spruce tip ice cream, or paper from wildflower seeds. Craft a kite, weave flower crowns, and make a DIY fairy garden! When summer comes, whip up herb-infused balms, rosewater, and zucchini boats. Host a backyard camp-out, build a nature exploration pack, cast shadow drawings, sail a leaf-boat, and master giant bubbles. As the days cool for autumn, brew mulled cider, make spiced honey, and discover the deliciousness of homemade apple sauce. Plant bulbs for next year's flowers, create an autumn rainbow, or craft a felted acorn necklace. Cozy up in winter with homemade maple candy, an herbal tea blend, and learn how to set out pine cone bird feeders. Build a snow fort or try some winter stargazing followed by making paper stars. (Or for those in warmer climates, make an ice lantern!) Unique celebrations throughout give the entire family a reason to gather, from winter bonfires and Solstice celebrations to maple tappings and beeswax candle dippings!

Art Workshop for Children is not just another book of straightforward art projects. The book's unique child-led approach provides a framework for cultivating creative thinking and encourages the wonder that comes when children are allowed to freely explore the creative process and their materials. As children work through these open-ended workshops, adults are guided on how to be facilitators who provide questions, encourage deep thinking, and help spark an excitement for discovery. Children explore basic materials and workshops that use minimal supplies, and then gradually add new materials to fill the art cabinets as well as new skills and more complex workshops. Most workshops are suitable to preschool-aged children, and each contains ideas for explorations and new twists to engage older or more experienced artists. Interspersed throughout are sidebar essays that introduce perspectives on mess-making, imperfection, the role of adult, collaborative art, and thoughts on the Reggio Emilia method, a self-guided teaching philosophy. These pieces underscore the value of art-making with children, and support the parent/teacher/care-giver on how to successfully lead, question, and navigate their children through the workshops to result in the fullest experiences.

International bestseller As seen in The Wall Street Journal--from free play to cozy together time, discover the parenting secrets of the happiest people in the world What makes Denmark the happiest country in the world--and how do Danish parents raise happy, confident, successful kids, year after year? This upbeat and practical book presents six essential principles, which spell out P-A-R-E-N-T: Play is essential for development and well-being. Authenticity fosters trust and an "inner compass." Reframing helps kids cope with setbacks and look on the bright side. Empathy allows us to act with kindness toward others. No ultimatums means no power struggles, lines in the sand, or resentment. Togetherness is a way to celebrate family time, on special occasions and every day. The Danes call this hygge--and it's a fun, cozy way to foster closeness. Preparing meals together, playing favorite games, and sharing other family traditions are all hygge. (Cell phones, bickering, and complaining are not!) With illuminating examples and simple yet powerful advice, The Danish Way of Parenting will help parents from all walks of life raise the happiest, most well-adjusted kids in the world.

Not a book about trimesters or feeding schedules, this title is about the art of trusting, the art of nesting, the art of soothing, the art of bustling, and more of life's truly fine arts. Veronique Vienne reminds readers that raising a child is a journey, and along the way they need to take the stroller, the car seat, and the diaper bag. 42 duotone photos.

Stimulate your child's creativity by working on this coloring book! Coloring gives him/her the chance to bring out his/her creative side because it is an open form of expression. A child would create an imaginary world and then use that to create art on paper. Don't fret too much if your child colors outside the lines. He/she will only improve with more practice and coloring pages!

Drawing comes with several benefits. One of these is the development of fine motor skills that will aid in the completion of tasks involving object manipulation by hand. As your child draws, he/she begins to express what he/she imagines. Objects are given careful details so features are learned. This way, you can understand what your child creates. How are your child's drawing skills now?

Includes a reader's guide and an author's note.

How fast can your child form these dots into pictures? A challenging activity book requires a child to play against the clock. This will push a child from passive to active learning. It'll make the game much more appealing because of the added element of pressure. Encourage your child to share this activity book with friends!

Includes staying calm in difficult situations, confronting major problems, and hearing what your teen is really saying.

This book is designed to promote pre-literacy skills, growth and development, and fun! Welcome Smart Artt is the first book in a series of children's books that teach parents about growth and development for children ages birth to three. This series provides information that every parent and caregiver should know, in the short amount of time that it takes to enjoy a fun children's story! Welcome Smart Artt and The Artt of Early Learning Series make excellent baby shower gifts, yet older children love the stories too! Meet Smart Artt. He is loved by all! Since the moment Smart Artt was born, he's always doing something that makes him even smarter. Unfortunately, his ideas often cause a bit of mischief! He will make you smile. He will make you laugh. He will find a place in your heart.

Your child's mind is like a garden that needs tending. If you water it with knowledge, then it will grow and bloom. Treat this activity book as the water that helps the garden grow.

There are plenty of exercises to do so there's no room for boredom. What are you waiting for? Secure a copy today!

Celebrating the seasons provides a wonderful opportunity to embrace creativity together as a family. It's also a fun way to decorate for, prepare for, and learn about the holidays we celebrate. In The Artful Year, you'll find a year's worth of art activities, crafts, recipes, and more to help make each season special. These artful explorations are more than just craft projects—they are ways for your family to create memories and mementos and develop creatively, all while exploring nature, new ideas, and traditions. The book includes: • Arts and crafts, using the materials, colors, and themes of the season • Ideas and decorations for celebrating the holidays together • Favorite seasonal recipes that are fun for children to help make (and eat!) • Suggested reading lists of children's picture books about the seasons and holidays The 175+ activities in this book are perfect for children ages one to eight, and for creating traditions that appeal to all ages.

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