

# Getting Ready to Start: Supplies

## Supply List for Early Years Vol. 1

- large plastic tablecloth or tarp to protect work surface during art (can be used all year long)
- an old work shirt or apron to protect clothing (can be used all year long)
- folders to save / store nature study papers and artwork in
- card stock paper
- scissors
- crayons and washable markers
- oil pastels
- chalk in a few different colors (optional)
- glue (white school glue and / or glue sticks)
- clear tape
- stapler and staples
- items from around your home to use as counters: Cheerios, dried beans, pebbles, etc.
- basic kitchen items: bowls, cookie sheets, etc.
- painting paper (larger is generally better for this age)
- tissue paper or kite paper in a variety of colors
- construction paper / craft paper in a variety of colors
- copy paper / printer paper
- optional: watercolor paper, cold-press 140 lb. (used once)
- scrap cardboard
- nontoxic, washable tempera paints (sometimes called poster paints) in variety of colors
- watercolor paint in a variety of colors
- paintbrushes, various sizes
- bin or container for dramatic play
- gathered items for dress-up (ties, glasses, hats, capes, etc.)
- scarves or fabric for music time (you can often find scarves at second-hand stores)
- storage tub for sensory bins / invitations
- sand, dirt, or kinetic sand for sensory bins / invitations
- small cup or pitcher for scooping water during sensory play
- yarn (1 or 2 colors)
- needle and thread
- hot glue gun and glue (adults only)
- wax paper
- play-dough (homemade or store bought), Model Magic, or air dry clay (though clay can be difficult for little hands to work with)
- ziplock baggie, paper towels, and seeds (garden beans work well)
- cotton swabs
- paper lunch bags (just a few)
- a small, clean spray bottle
- stickers (colorful "dot" stickers for art and, optionally, animal stickers)
- aluminum foil
- paper plates (you'll need quite a few of these)
- socks for sock puppets
- up-cycled boxes, shoe boxes, etc. (save a few or ask a neighbor to save some)
- rubber bands
- sandpaper, just a few sheets
- straw (please use a cardboard one or a reusable straw if possible) and dish soap
- child-sized panty hose or tights (two pairs) for spider legs prompt
- safety pins
- glass jar with lid (for week 29 nature study)
- match (for week 29 nature study)
- camera or camera phone and a way to print out photos occasionally (at home or from a shop)
- optional: solar paper for making sun prints
- optional: sunscreen for one activity
- food coloring (week 23)
- kitchen sponges (large, unused)
- several sheets of craft felt in a variety of colors
- several prompts call for various toys and items from around your home or yard--use what you already have on-hand for these prompts
- several prompts call for images of people, animals, etc.--you can use magazines, junk mailers / catalogs, print images off the internet using an image search, photocopy images from a book (libraries often have photocopy machines on-hand), or draw your own images
- several prompts will call for food items (goldfish crackers, apples, pumpkins or substitute, etc.) and you will also need to source ingredients for the recipes you choose to make in the kitchen classroom--look ahead every few weeks to see what you'll need and when
- optional: cookie cutters in a variety of shapes for use with play-dough or in the kitchen classroom
- optional: tangrams or shape attribute blocks (you can also just cut shapes out of sturdy paper)
- optional: magnifying glass for the exploration station
- optional: items for kitchen-themed dramatic play, such as small bows, cups, spoons, etc.--second-hand stores are a great place to find these items

Don't feel pressured to purchase every single item. Many items can be borrowed from a neighbor, shared with another homeschooling family, etc. Always look a few weeks ahead to assess what you need.