

Checklist Crafts Project

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- Paper
 - Paper is usually the first thing that the child reaches for when the activity is a craft.
 - A well prepared mom will lay in a good supply of paper in different colors and weights.
 - Use pastel colored copy paper or richly colored heavier construction paper.
 - Don't forget to have some tracing paper available for the child to use in case they want to use a favorite picture from a book.
- Colouring and drawing
 - Crayons, coloring pencils, soft pencils, and felt tip markers should all be in good supply.
 - The felt tip markers are often left uncapped and will quickly dry out, so mom may want to keep an emergency replacement package of these out of the reach of the kids until they are needed.
 - A pencil sharpener and eraser is a must in all craft supply kits.
- Paint
 - Paints, both water color and acrylic and a paint palette are often used.
 - Don't forget to keep a supply of brushes for the paint and a package of cotton buds to correct the drips and dribbles.
 - Specialty brushes, like stenciling brushes and even toothbrushes can be use for special paint effects and can also build up textures.
- Scissors
 - Many projects require that shapes be cut
 - So include scissors that are appropriate for the age and ability of each child.
- Pasting
 - Paste, glue sticks and tape will be required for the more elaborate craft.
 - Choose the ones that clean up easily
 - Make sure they are non toxic.
- Other
 - Paper punches can be used to quickly cut out tiny embellishments.
 - They are available in a wide variety of shapes.

- Cookie cutters will allow the younger child who doesn't draw well to trace a simple shape.
- They also come in handy for cutting our shapes for stamps.
- Kids and crafts make a mess Add a roll of paper toweling to the kit.