



A Good Drawing Habit

Cap each marker after using it and make cleanup part of drawing.

Helps Your Child Grow



Memory

Adding “cap this marker before opening the next” to a familiar drawing routine gives your child practice remembering and completing a longer sequence.

Steps

- Before drawing, show your child how to open and close a washable marker. Explain the sequence: “When we finish one color, we cap it before opening the next.”
- As drawing begins, watch to see whether your child remembers. If they forget, point gently to the cap or ask, “Is there one more thing to do?”
- As more colors appear on the page, repeat the same sequence: finish one color, close its cap, then open another.
- If your child is deeply involved in the picture and reaches for a new color without replacing the cap, let them finish the idea before giving a reminder.
- When the drawing is complete, admire it together. Then invite your child to cap the remaining markers and return them to the box.

Tips

- Your child may forget this new step often at first. Give the same patient reminder before each drawing session and model the habit with the markers you use.

Observations

- Caps one marker before choosing another color without a reminder
- Holds a marker and scribbles on the paper