



Make a Wish Tree

Make a family wish tree, then use sticky notes to write or draw wishes and responses to one another.

Helps Your Child Grow



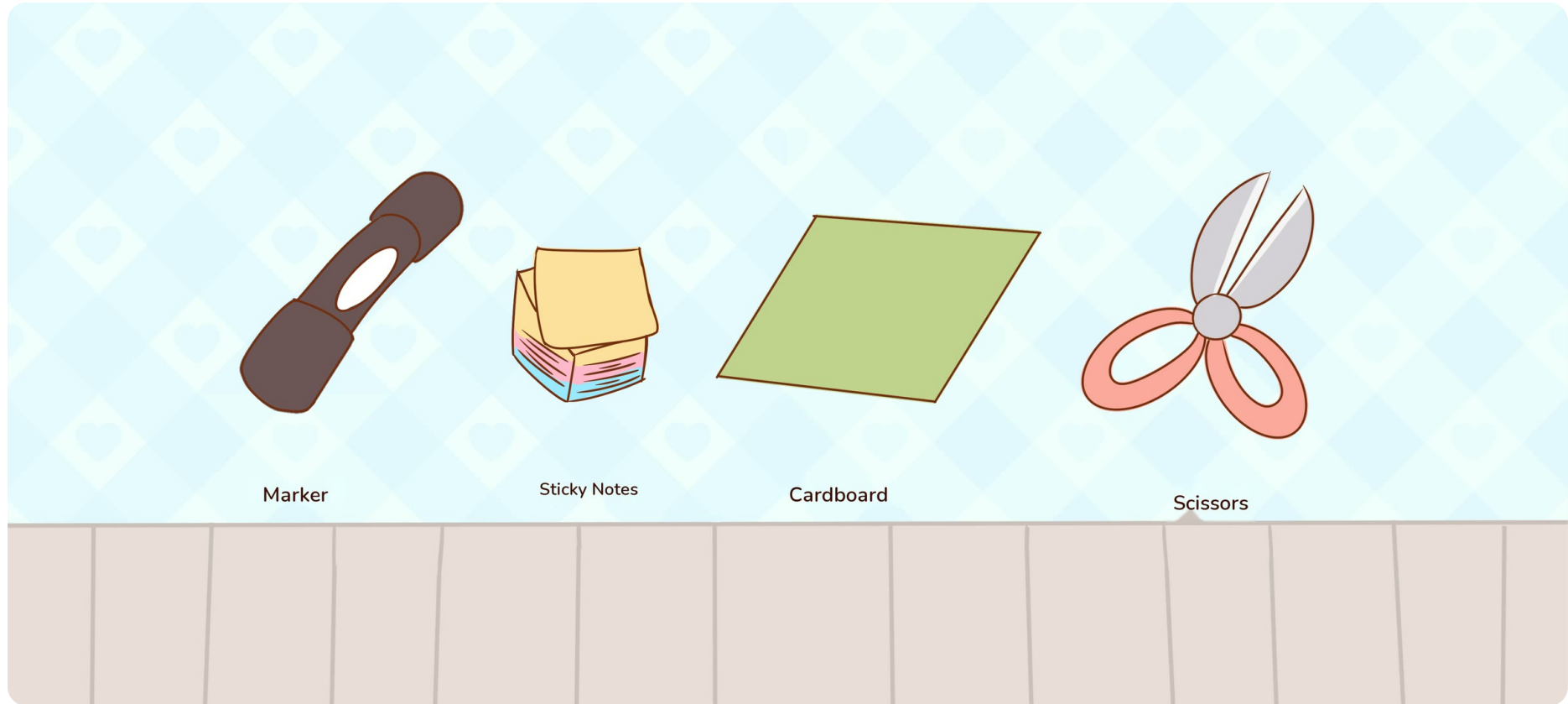
Writing

Writing wishes and messages on sticky notes gives your child a meaningful reason to practice using marks, letters, and words to communicate.



Relationships with Adults

Sharing wishes and exchanging notes with you creates a warm, positive back-and-forth interaction.



What You'll Need

1. Markers
2. sticky notes
3. cardboard
4. scissors



Make a Wish Tree

Invite your child to draw a tree on cardboard, cut it out, and decorate it. Leave plenty of open space on the treetop and trunk for wish notes.

Observations

- Uses a drawing tool to make a wish tree on the paper
- Asks to make the wish tree themselves

Tips

- Encourage your child to freely choose their favorite colors and shapes and be creative.
- Make the tree large enough that several sticky notes can fit without covering one another.



Add a Wish

Ask your child what they wish for. Invite them to write or draw it on a sticky note and add it to the tree. Write a reply on another note so the two notes become a small written conversation.

Observations

- Writes on a sticky note and adds the wish to the tree
- Eagerly tells you what their wish is

Tips

- If your child cannot read part of your reply, read it aloud while pointing to the words.
- A wish and a reply turn writing into communication. When your child has something real to say, marks and words have a clear purpose.



Keep Going Toward Your Wish!

If your child wants to write but cannot form the words yet, invite a drawing or an initial letter. You can also write the word with a highlighter for them to trace. Accuracy matters less than experiencing that a message can be put on paper.

Observations

- Writes a message on a sticky note to help make a wish come true
- After completing an agreed step, happily adds a record to the wish tree

Tips

- When your child completes an agreed step toward the wish, follow through on the part you promised.
- Keep the wish tree where your family can see it. Add another note whenever your child has a new wish or wants to reply.
- If a wish is a small goal, add a note or mark each time your child completes an agreed step.