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See-Through Easel



The Big Idea

Plan to vary the activities in the art center by using a see-through easel. Place the easel on a table with a chair on each side. As the children face each other, they will begin to draw on their side of the glass using tempera paint, watercolors, or washable markers. This activity will not provide take-home art, but the child will enjoy a happy creative experience. A teacher can say: "The Bible says, **God gives us things to enjoy.**"



Supplies for Making Easel:

- 2-by-6 1/2-inch board, 16 inches long, for the base
- 1-by-4-inch board, 2 pieces cut 9 inches long
- piece of 1/8-inch Plexiglas® (acrylic sheet), 16 by 20 inches
- 2 pieces of quarter round, 16 inches long

Supplies for Art Activities:

- tempera paint, watercolors, or washable markers
- disposable moist wipes to clean the easel glass during and after each use



Things to Gather

1. Nail the 9-inch boards under the base, one on each end to support the base.
2. Cut a groove in the center of the board, half the thickness of the board.
3. Attach a piece of quarter round on each side of the groove.
4. Insert the Plexiglas® in the groove. (The quarter round pieces will help support the glass.) The Plexiglas® can be removed for cleaning.

Note about Plexiglas®: Purchase the glass at a home improvement store and request cutting the desired size.

Teaching Tips:

- Photograph children using the see-through easel. Mail a copy of the photo to the parents to show an activity that the child enjoyed in his room at church.
- Share the instructions for making a see-through easel with parents, and imagine the child enjoying easel painting at home.



Put it Together

