

Socializing with Friends and Family

Friendship Bracelet



Objective:

This activity pairs gross motor skills with shape and pattern recognition to practice independence and fine motor skills as students follow a sequence of tasks to create a piece of art.

Materials:

- Step-by-step guide (provided)
- Pipe cleaners (1 per child)
- Straws (assorted colors; 2–4 per child)
- Bowl
- Basket
- Scissors

Preparation:

1. Print the step-by-step guide (1 per child).
2. Cut straws into equal sized “beads.” Make enough “straw beads” to fill the length of a six-inch-long bracelet.
3. Place the beads into the bowl.
4. Cut the pipe cleaners to bracelet length (five to six inches).
5. Set aside an extra set of materials for you to use as you demonstrate the activity.
6. Create a friendship bracelet for reference; place the model in a location visible to your child.
7. Provide your child with a pipe cleaner and bowls of straw beads to share.

Teach Independence:

- Your child should complete the art project as independently as possible. Provide physical assistance when needed, but encourage your child to work independently.
- Place art materials in separate containers.
- Encourage your child to gather their materials prior to the art activity.

Ideas to Encourage Social/Communication Skills

- Throughout the activity, encourage descriptive conversation about each project (the colors and shapes).
- Encourage your child to show others their complete project.

Considerations:

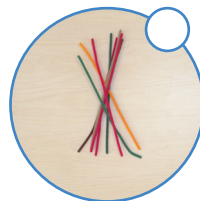
- If completing this activity at home with your child, consider the following:
 - Include siblings, friends, or other family members if you would like.
 - For materials that need to be pre-cut or pre-made, organize them and place them in the area you will be doing art.
 - For other common household art materials, keep them in their usual place and teach your child where those items are located in the home.
 - Complete each step of the art project together as a visual model of the art activity.



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 Draw a checkmark beside each of the materials that you gather for the project.



Pipe cleaner



Beads

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Step-by-Step Guide

- 1 Take a pipe cleaner and fold one end over so the beads won't fall off.



- 2 String different colored beads onto the pipe cleaner.



- 3 When it's almost filled with beads, twist the two ends of the pipe cleaner together to secure the bracelet.

