CARVEYTEACH

Little Hands at Play

Provider guide



40 activity cards • 12 reusable mats
Provider guide • Color + ink-saving versions

Mainly ages 3–6; supported options for ages 2–3.
Educational digital resource • Print and play with adult supervision.

CARVEYTEACH

Start with an invitation

Exploration matters more than copying a model.

1. Prepare a little

Choose one card, a stable tray and two or three materials. Offer a few minutes of play; the child may finish sooner or continue.

2. Show and wait

Model one simple movement, then make room. Ask: What would you like to try? Watching, pointing or directing the adult also count as participation.

3. Notice the process

Say: You pressed with both hands or You tried another base. Avoid comparing results, correcting every mark or requiring identical finished products.

4. Print and organize

Cards: landscape US Letter, 100% scale, four 5 × 3 inch cards per sheet. Mats: portrait US Letter at 100%. Cut cards along the border. Laminate or use reusable sleeves; inspect their edges.

Adapt the experience

Ages are a guide; observe the child’s actual participation.

Ages 2–3: supported exploration

Try pressing soft dough, scrunching a large sheet, free drawing or stacking two blocks. Use large portions and tools, one action and an adult alongside. Skip scissors and small parts.

Ages 3–4: choose and repeat

Offer two cards and let the child choose. Try ropes, simple folds, broad marks and low bridges. Break a task into steps and allow repeated attempts.

Ages 4–6: plan and invent

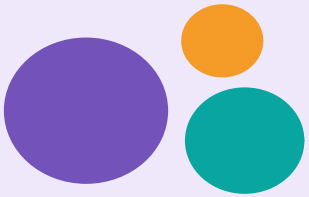
Invite combining two ideas, drawing a plan or describing a change. When ready, offer supervised fringe cutting and original patterns. Difficulty depends on experience, not a birthday.

Access for different ways of participating

Secure paper; offer a non-slip mat, chunky handles, softer dough, fewer materials or more space. Allow pointing, watching or asking for help. Offer a visual demonstration and familiar-language words.

01 · DOUGH

Soft balls



Roll dough between your palms.

02 · DOUGH

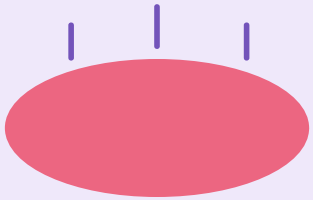
Long snake



Roll a long rope on the table.

03 · DOUGH

Squashed disk



Press and flatten with your palm.

04 · DOUGH

Coiled snail



Coil your rope into a snail.

CARVEYTEACH

02 · Color arches

Place dough ropes on the arches or invent your own.



My name or mark: