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COCO'S

WHITEBOARD PLAY

Draw it. Wipe it. Try it again.



A bonus printable activity for the Coco
Early Writing Skills Box.



Little marks are getting little hands ready to write.

Before children form letters, their hands need lots of opportunities to make the lines, curves, circles and changes of direction that appear again in handwriting.



A whiteboard is a wonderfully low-pressure place to practise. Children can make big movements, experiment with different marks, wipe them away and have another go - without worrying about getting anything “right”.

In Coco’s Whiteboard Play, your child will explore pre-writing movements through bubbles, waves, seaweed, Coco’s arms and simple patterns.



The dry erase pocket from your Coco Early Writing Skills Box



A blank sheet of paper to slide inside the pocket.



The dry erase markers from your Coco Early Writing Skills Box

The goal isn't perfect shapes or patterns. It's giving little hands lots of opportunities to move, mark and practise.

While you're drawing:

1. Start big. Larger movements can be easier for young children to control before making smaller, more precise marks.
2. Let them repeat. Drawing the same movement again and again helps it become more familiar.
3. Say the movements aloud. Words such as up, down, around, across can help connect language with movement.
4. Don't correct every mark. Wobbly circles and wonky lines are part of learning.
5. Follow their lead. If a pattern turns into a jellyfish, monster or underwater adventure, let it!
6. Wipe and try again. The beauty of a whiteboard is that nothing needs to be permanent.

How to play Coco's activities

Grab a whiteboard and let's play!



LOOK

Choose a movement or pattern to explore. Look at the example together and notice what the line is doing.

Ask:

- Is it straight or curved?
- Which way does it move?
- Where should we start?



DRAW

Make the movement on your whiteboard. Your child can copy the example or make their own version.

Ask:

- Can you make it really big?
- Can you make a tiny one?
- Can you keep your marker moving?



REPEAT

Try the movement again. Repeating a movement helps little hands become more familiar with how it feels.

Ask:

- Can you do another one?
- Can you continue the pattern?
- What comes next?



CREATE

Turn the marks into something of your own. Bubbles, waves, lines and curves can become a whole underwater world.

Ask:

- What could your marks become?
- What else should we add?
- Can you make your own pattern?

Activity 1

Coco's Pre-Writing Patterns

Patterns are movements we can repeat. These five Coco-inspired patterns use circles, curves, vertical lines, diagonals and waves - movements your child will encounter again and again as they begin forming letters.

Coco's Bubbles



Coco's Seaweed



Coco's Arm



Starfish & Dot



3 Bubbles & a Wave



Say it as you draw it!

Encourage your child to say the pattern aloud while drawing. E.g. "Bubble, bubble, bubble, wave. Bubble, bubble, bubble, wave."

Saying and repeating the pattern adds an early sequencing and mathematical-thinking element to the mark-making experience.

**"Bubble, bubble,
bubble, wave. Bubble,
bubble, bubble, wave."**

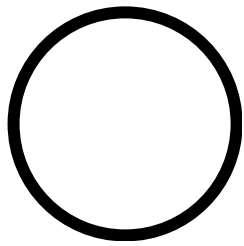


Activity 2

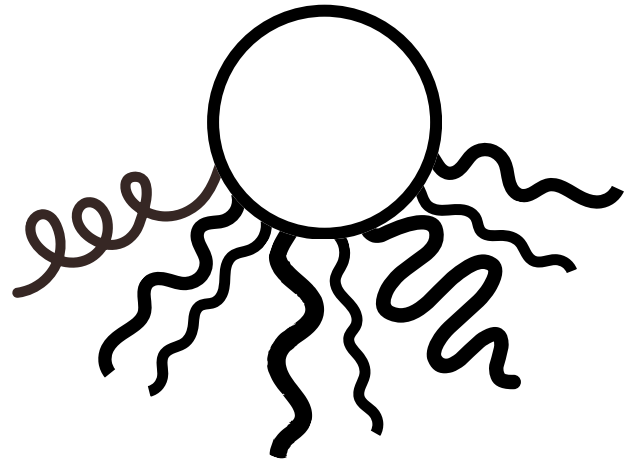
Learn to Draw Coco

Let's build Coco one simple shape at a time.

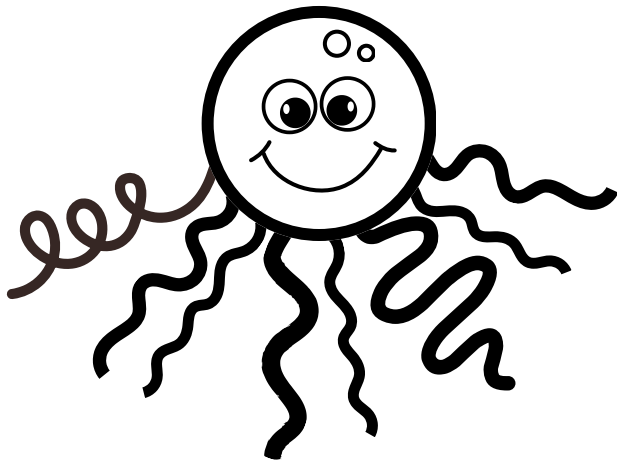
The point isn't to reproduce Coco perfectly. It's another opportunity to combine circles, curves, lines and controlled movements in a way that feels like drawing rather than handwriting practice.



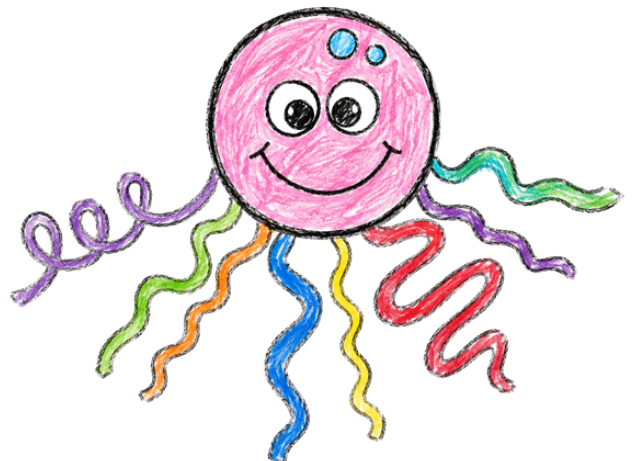
1. Start with a large rounded head.



2. Draw eight arms.



3. Add Coco's eyes, smile and details.



4. Colour your Coco in!

Here are some more ideas:

Wipe clean and try again! Can you draw: A GIANT Coco? A tiny Coco? A silly Coco? A Coco with super long arms?

Activity 3

Coco's Pattern Challenge

Can you keep the pattern going? Choose one of Coco's patterns. Say the pattern aloud. Copy it onto your whiteboard. Continue the pattern yourself.

Now invent a brand-new pattern for someone else to copy!

Choose it → Say it → Copy it → Continue it → Create it

Here are some ideas:



Now make your own!

Ask your child:

- What comes next?
- Can I copy your pattern?
- Can you make an even trickier one?

Mark Making Toolkit



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