

## Musical mark-making

Suitable for: 18months-5 years

You will need: Paper, coloured pencils/ pens and any music from the radio or online. To develop, you could also print manuscript paper from the internet.



- Choose a piece of recorded music and, whilst listening, you and your child can create shapes and patterns responding to the different sounds. (Some examples: *Flight of the Bumblebee* by Rimsky Korsakov. Britten's *Sea Interludes: Storm*. Kate Rusby's *Underneath the Stars*. *Happy* by Pharrell Williams).
- Or you could experiment creating vocal sounds. See what shapes or patterns you make if you make high/ low voice sounds or if you make short and snappy sounds. See this example <https://youtu.be/I8JJDjoeydE>
- You (or older children) could draw smiley faces if the music makes you feel happy or sad or angry faces for other styles.
- Experiment with different coloured pens - does a particular colour feel happy or sad? Think about different sounds for a chunky crayon compared to a thin pencil.
- Discuss, and perhaps write down, any words to describe your music or drawings.
- You could even print some blank manuscript paper from the internet and 'compose' your own music. If you know anyone who plays a musical instrument, could they improvise a tune inspired by your child's drawings?

### **Remember**

You can't do it 'wrong'! Whether you create a page covered in dots and lines or an elaborate piece of art, we are all enjoying being creative and trying new things!

### **Did you know?**

The French composer, Claude Debussy, wrote music that was inspired by paintings. He created sounds to reflect different colours, shapes and moods.

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