



The
Ultimate
Homeschool Art
Planner

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Welcome!

WE ARE SO HAPPY
YOU'RE HERE!

We are SUPER excited that you want to give your kids a rich and generous education — including art expression and art appreciation!

Inside this planner, you will find:

- The Importance and Benefits of Art and Creativity
- How to Cultivate Creativity in Your Kids and Teens
- Art Planning Pages and a Planning Calendar to ensure you cover all the basics
- Basic Supply List
- And more!

Use all of these resources (together with the Masterpiece Society art courses) to bring the JOY of art into your home on a regular basis!

Making memories with you, Alisha & Olivia



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Introduction





Art Without Overwhelm

Easily Incorporate Art into Your Homeschool and Life

You want to enrich your children's lives with art because you are well aware of the amazing benefits that creating on a regular basis brings. Yet art is that one "extra" that usually gets tossed aside when life gets overwhelming.

Well, not anymore!

This *Ultimate Homeschool Art Planner*, in conjunction with the *Masterpiece Society Studio*, will give your kids the **freedom to explore and experiment** with many different art mediums and techniques while gaining confidence in their artistic abilities.

Pretty soon, your home will be **overflowing with beautiful art** created around your kitchen table.



You may have to curate an “art gallery” down your hall or up your staircase. Or begin a “gallery wall” in your family room to show off your children’s creations when visitors drop by.

Not only will this add so much beauty and uniqueness to your home décor, it will also produce joy and sense of accomplishment in your kids, and serve to encourage them to use their creativity in other areas as well.

Talk about well-rounded, talented, and accomplished kids! (Yeah, go ahead and pat yourself on the back, Mama! You deserve it!)

(Please Note: Although we love many of the works of the master artists, we may or may not agree with how they lived their lives. Some of the recommended videos, books, or web pages below touch on certain facets of their lives that may be unsuitable for children. Please use your own discretion as a parent.)

Why is Art So Important?

Art can help your children discover who they are and the innate gifts they possess.

I'm pretty sure it didn't take you long to find out that your precious baby (whether that baby is two or eight or seventeen) likes to experiment, push boundaries, bend (or break) the rules, and be his or her own unique self.

Thankfully, art provides the perfect vehicle to do these things.

Through the artistic process, kids and teens can spread their wings and even soar as they discover their gifts and talents, and ultimately, who they really are.

Here are even more reasons why art is important for kids and teens:

Art allows them to...

- explore their feelings and emotions reconcile conflicts
- become more self-aware
- manage and improve behavior
- develop their artistic skills
- improve their mental health
- reduce stress and anxiety
- gain self-confidence
- increase self-esteem
- improve their sense of well-being
- think outside the box
- express themselves creatively
- improve performance in other areas
- achieve personal insight
- receive tremendous pleasure

Gone are the days of putting art off week after week because now you see how the simple act of creating something will actually help your children improve in other areas of life. (It's more than an extracurricular activity.)



Chapter One.

Cultivating Creativity in Your Children



Cultivating Creativity in Your Children

Charlotte Mason said, “There are few subjects regarded with more respect and less confidence in our schools than this of Art. Of course, we say, children should have their artistic powers cultivated...but how is the question.”

One of my favorite Picasso quotes is: “Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once we grow up.”

Have you ever noticed that little kids have no problem whatsoever with expressing their inner artist? They absolutely know that they are awesome, and they have no qualms with showing off their amazing artwork!

But then as they get older, they begin to compare themselves to others. They may begin to believe that maybe they’re not as artsy as they once thought. They become self-conscious and worry that their work isn’t good enough.

Eventually, if we don’t intervene and encourage them, they grow up to be adults who think that they “don’t have a creative bone in their body.” They begin to live dry, unfulfilled lives devoid of creativity. They forget that they came from the Creator (and as Maya Angelou said) “trailing wisps of [His] glory.”

I want to encourage you to become proactive in cultivating your kids’ and teens’ creativity. And I also want to encourage you to create with your kids. You’ll find it so fulfilling and not only will you be making beautiful keepsakes for years to come, you’ll also be making beautiful memories that will last a lifetime.

1. ENCOURAGE THEIR CREATIVITY

Imago Dei—Remind them that they are created in the image of God, the Ultimate Artist.

Creativity is in our DNA. We are made in the image of God, therefore, there is a spark of His creativity within each of us. Whether you realize it or not, whether you've developed it or not, you are creative. An each one of your children is creative.

Yes, there are some who seem to be born with more of a bent towards the artsy, but art is also a skill that can be learned. If you can learn to write, you can learn to draw. If you can learn an instrument, you can learn to paint. Any skill requires a learning curve and PRACTICE.

Encourage your kids to use their God-given creativity. Remind them on a regular basis that they are made in the image of God. They are creative, artistic, imaginative, and unique!

2. INVEST IN THEIR CREATIVITY

Provide them with a **VARIETY OF ART SUPPLIES** so they can explore and experiment with different mediums.

Don't limit them to only one or two mediums — provide them with a variety of supplies: acrylics, watercolors, markers, gel pens, charcoal pencils, oil pastels, etc. Not every kid is going to love chalk pastels or crayons. If you want your kids to develop their inner artists, then allow them to experiment with various media. And, please invest in **quality** art supplies.

Charlotte Mason said, "Boxes of cheap colours are to be avoided. Children are worthy of the best..." And I wholeheartedly agree!

If you're always buying bargain or value paints and cheap brushes, your kids won't be able to produce the greatest results. You don't have to buy "professional artist paints." Look for "student grade" art supplies, or spend an extra \$5 or \$10 for the better quality set.

3. FACILITATE THEIR CREATIVITY

Establish a regular time each week (or whatever works best for your family) to allow your kids to create. A lot of the members of our Masterpiece Society Studio have "Fine Arts Fridays."

Not only do they have it on their schedule, they have a designated area to keep the supplies so that they're accessible to their kids.

Keep the supplies in a special cart, cabinet or drawer, but make them accessible.

4. LIBERATE THEIR CREATIVITY

Give them FREEDOM to explore and experiment. Henri Matisse said, "Creativity takes courage." And artist, Julia Cameron, said, "Creativity flourishes when we have a sense of safety and self-acceptance."

By giving your child freedom to express his or her creative side, while offering them a "soft place to land" without fear of judgment or criticism, you add value to them and give them confidence to grow into their own unique person.

Even our beloved Charlotte said, "The art training of children should proceed on two lines. The child should begin both to **express himself** and to **appreciate** [art], and his appreciation should be well in advance of his power to express what he sees or imagines.

So basically, they need the freedom to express themselves creatively without fear of rejection AND they need to come in contact with great masterworks so that they can begin to appreciate them.

Which brings me to our next point:

5. INSPIRE THEIR CREATIVITY

Study the great master artists. How can your child begin to appreciate art if he or she has never been exposed to some of the greatest works of all time?

Charlotte Mason said, “We cannot measure the influence that one or another artist has upon the child's sense of beauty, upon his power of seeing, as in a picture, the common sights of life; he is enriched more than we know in having really looked at even a single picture.”

It is so important that we allow our children to come in contact with beautiful art pieces. Art brings a sense of beauty to our lives. It helps us learn to really “see” and it greatly enriches our lives.

As we study under the great masters of art, learn about their lives, learn about their creative process, learn the “whys” behind their paintings or sculptures, experiment at incorporating their styles and techniques, our own artistic abilities will improve.

The more you study them, the more you’ll find that many of the “greats” were free thinkers who changed the world of art. This should give your kid or teen encouragement and freedom in his or her own creativity. It should instill a courage to pull from everything around them that inspires them and to incorporate it into their art.

Ideas on how to learn about the great master artists:

Museums – Visit your local art museum, and visit museums in different cities when you travel. Absolutely nothing will compare to coming in contact with the great masterpieces in real life.

The Internet – Virtual museums, Wikipedia, YouTube — there's a wealth of information at your fingertips! (I would definitely suggest that you screen and sensor all artwork before allowing your children to view.) Check out [Masterpiece Curations](#) our sister site with TONS of free art history and art enrichment for homeschooling families.

Books – Biographies on the master artists including their methods and techniques, as well as “coffee table” books that contain beautifully photographed images of their art.

Podcasts – My daughter and I created an art history podcast called, [Masterpiece Makers](#), in which we take you on an “artsy tour” across the centuries as we get to know the great master artists and their most famous works.

Art Courses – The Masterpiece Society has quite a few master artist lessons in which we explore a little bit of art history, the lives of the artists, then create art inspired by their great masterpieces. There are probably others out there as well. The point is not only to learn about them, but also try out some of their techniques such as: (impasto, tache, alla prima, chiaroscuro, pointillism, etc.)

Masterpiece Society's YouTube channel – Make sure you subscribe to our [YouTube channel](#) where we offer FREE open-ended process art lessons for teens, plus encouragement for moms.

Art Expression, Art Appreciation, and Art History should never be dull and boring! You will cultivate a love of art and nurture creativity in your kids and teens if you'll follow these simple tips!



Chapter Two:

Planning Pages



Think About What You Want to Accomplish This Year with Art

Now that you know just how awesome art is for your kids (and you, by the way) let's get to planning!

Whether you want a structured plan in which your kids will learn about the great master artists, training in various art techniques, or advanced lessons in the classical mediums for your teens, or whether you simply want your entire family to enjoy creating and have the freedom of art exploration, this planner will help for you!

Grab a pen and a cuppa, and let's get started...

Questions to Consider:

1. What do you want to accomplish this year?

(Examples: establishing a regular art study, a general art education, knowledge of art history plus recreating the works of the great master artists, learning how to mix different media, exploring the classical art media and techniques on a more advanced level, etc.)

2. What are the ages of your children?

3. Will you be doing art together as a family, or do you have a wide range of ages that would work better individually?

4. How often do you want to do art? Weekly? Bi-weekly? Monthly? Small projects multiple times a week?

(Remember, your schedule will change constantly, so feel free to switch things up! Make art and creativity a part of your lifestyle. The most important thing is to be consistent and don't get overwhelmed.)

5. Do you have a designated day when you'll do art?

(Write it in your main homeschool planner or calendar now.)

6. Do you have a designated area where you will do art?

7. Do you have all the art supplies your kids will need?

(Check the Masterpiece Society Studio Calendar for a list of suggested lessons for the month or determine the ones your family would like to do first, then add the supplies you'll need to your shopping list. See pages 38 and 39 of this planner for a general supply list.)

8. How will you organize your art supplies so that they don't take over your home? Where will you keep them? Are they easily accessible?

9. How will you display your kids (& your) artwork?

(Write it in your main homeschool planner or calendar now.)

10. What will you study in your homeschool over the next few months? Can you incorporate some art lessons with those studies?

(Examples: Nature walks – seasonal art courses, History – the artists that lived and created during that time or the art era, Literature – LiterARTure lessons, etc.)

11. What holidays do you celebrate? Check out our planning calendar of suggested traditional + weird holidays in the next section.

12. What are your child(ren)'s interests?

(Examples: animals, nature, flowers, faces, etc.)

13. What art mediums are your older kids and teens interested in learning?

(Examples: charcoal, watercolors, acrylics, oil pastels, etc.)

14. Which famous artist(s) or art eras would you like to learn more about this year?

15. Do you have an art museum nearby that you can visit? If so, do they have “homeschool days”? Why not invite a few homeschooling families and take a field trip for the day?

(Write down the one(s) you know of, as well as families you’d like to invite.)

Phew! You did it! Now, instead of giving yourself another pat on the back, excuse yourself for half an hour, and create this month's Masterpiece Moms art project.

You are well on your way to instilling a love of art, beauty, and creativity even in the midst of your crazy, busy life! And make sure you set the example for your kids by taking time for yourself to create on a regular basis.

You deserve it!

Anytime you begin to feel overwhelmed, just make an adjustment in your schedule. The beauty of the **Masterpiece Society Studio** is that you can simply gather the needed art supplies, log into the site, and we'll teach your kids for you. Although younger ones may need a little help, you can train your older kids to work on their own, giving you a much-needed break or time to help out another child.

You've just put your art lessons on cruise-control.



Chapter Three:

Planning Calendar





Use this planning calendar in conjunction with your planning pages to create a customized art plan for your family's unique needs and desires.

For each month we've listed the season, a few holidays you may want to celebrate, as well as birthdays of artists you may want to study. Simply check off the days or artists you want to include and add them into your main homeschool planner.

CONNECT YOUR ART STUDIES WITH WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE WORLD (AT THE TIME)

What era or time in history will you be studying?

Ancient Times (Prehistory – 476 AD)

- Ancient Art: Fertile Crescent, Egyptian
- Classical Art: Greek, Etruscan, Roman,
- Eastern Art

Middle Ages (400 AD – 1600 AD)

- Medieval Art: Early Christian, Islamic, Byzantine, Gothic
- Tribal Art, Renaissance

Early Modern (1600 AD – 1850 AD)

- Dutch Golden Age, Rococo, New Classicism, Romanticism

Modern Art (1850 AD – Present)

- Realism, Pre-Raphaelite, Impressionism, Post-Impressionism, Naïve, Primitivism, Pointillism, Expressionism, Art Nouveau, Cubism, Futurism, Fauvism, Abstract Expressionism, Surrealism, Dadaism, Pop Art, Modern Art, American Modernism

CONNECT YOUR ART STUDIES WITH GEOGRAPHY

- Middle and Near East: Ancient Art, Medieval
- Far East: Eastern Art
- Italy: Renaissance
- Germany: Northern Renaissance
- Holland: Dutch Renaissance
- Spain and England: Romanticism, Pre-Raphaelite, Cubism
- France: Rococo, Neoclassicism, Impressionism, Post Impressionism
- United States: Pop Art, American Modernism
- Africa, the Americas, Oceania: Tribal Art

January

Season: Winter

Holidays:

- New Year's Day (1/1)
- Appreciate a Dragon Day (1/16)
- Winnie the Pooh Day (1/18)
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day (3rd Monday of January)

Artist Birthdays:

- John Singer Sargent (1/12)
- Berthe Morisot (1/14)
- Paul Cezanne (1/19)
- Edouard Manet (1/23)
- Jackson Pollock (1/28)

February

Season: Winter

Holidays:

- Black History Month
- Study these African American Artists:
 1. Henry Tanner
 2. Clementine Hunter
 3. Horace Pippin
 4. Aaron Douglas
 5. Jacob Lawrence
 6. Edmonia Lewis
 7. Alma Thomas
- Valentine's Day (2/14)
- Presidents' Day (3rd Monday of February)
- Tell a Fairy Tale Day (2/26)

Artist Birthdays:

- Norman Rockwell (2/3)
- Franz Marc (2/8)
- Grant Wood (2/13)
- Winslow Homer (2/24)
- Pierre Auguste Renoir (2/25)

March

Season: Spring

Holidays:

- Women's History Month
- Study these Women Artists:
 1. Sofonisba Anguissola
 2. Artemisia Gentileschi
 3. Élisabeth Vigée Le Brun
 4. Angelica Kauffman
 5. Berthe Morisot
 6. Mary Cassatt
 7. Georgia O'Keeffe
- Pi Day (3/14)
- St. Patrick's Day (3/17)
- World Poetry Day (3/21)
- Vernal Equinox
- Tolkien Reading Day (3/25)
- National Crayon Day (3/31)

Artist Birthdays:

- Theodor Geisel A.K.A. Dr. Seuss (3/2)
- Michelangelo (3/6)
- Piet Mondrian (3/7)
- Francisco de Goya (3/30)
- Vincent van Gogh (3/30)

April

Season: Spring

Holidays:

- National Poetry Month
- Easter
- World Art Day (4/15)
- Earth Day (4/24)
- Shakespeare's Birthday 4/23

Artist Birthdays:

- Raphael (4/6)
- Leonardo da Vinci (4/15)
- Élisabeth Vigée Le Brun (4/16)
- Joseph Mallord William Turner (4/23)
- Willem de Kooning (4/24)

May

Season: Spring

Holidays:

- May Day (5/1)
- Star Wars Day (5/4)
- Cinco de Mayo (5/5)
- Mother's Day (2nd Sunday in May)
- World Turtle Day (5/23)
- Memorial Day

Artist Birthdays:

- Salvador Dali (5/11)
- Thomas Gainsborough (5/14)
- Henri Rousseau (5/21)
- Albrecht Dürer (5/21)
- Mary Cassatt (5/22)
- Aaron Douglas (5/26)

June

Season: Summer

Holidays:

- Father's Day (3rd Sunday of June)
- Flag Day (6/14)
- Juneteenth (6/19)
- Summer Solstice (6/20)

Artist Birthdays:

- Diego Velazquez (6/6)
- Paul Gauguin (6/7)
- M.C. Escher (6/17)
- Henry Ossawa Tanner (6/21)
- Beatrix Potter (6/28)

July

Season: Summer

Holidays:

- Independence Day (7/4)
- Ice Cream Day (7/19)

Artist Birthdays:

- Frida Kahlo (7/6)
- Gustav Klimt (7/14)
- Rembrandt van Rijn (7/15)
- Edgar Degas (7/19)
- Marcel Duchamp (7/28)

August

Season: Summer

Holidays:

- American Artist Appreciation Month
- Study These American Artists:
 1. Georgia O'Keeffe
 2. Andy Warhol
 3. Mary Cassatt
 4. Andrew Wyeth
 5. Norman Rockwell
- Coloring Book Day (8/2)
- Book Lovers Day (8/9)
- Lefthanders Day (8/13)

Artist Birthdays:

- Andy Warhol (8/6)
- Gustave Caillebotte (8/18)
- Jacques Louis David (8/30)

September

Season: Autumn

Holidays:

- Hispanic Heritage Month
 1. Velazquez
 2. Francisco Goya
 3. Pablo Picasso
 4. Frida Kahlo
 5. Diego Rivera
 6. Joan Miro
 7. Salvador Dali
 8. Basquiat
 9. Mamani
 10. Britto
- Star Trek Day (9/8)
- Patriot Day (9/11)
- Grandparents Day (1st Sunday after Labor Day)
- Talk Like a Pirate Day (9/19)
- Hobbit Day (9/22)
- Autumnal Equinox (9/22)

Artist Birthdays:

- Andy Warhol (8/6)
- Gustave Caillebotte (8/18)
- Jacques Louis David (8/30)

October

Season: Autumn

Holidays:

- National Arts and Humanities Month
- National Poetry Day (10/3)
- Columbus Day (2nd Monday in October)
- Halloween (10/31)
- Astronomy Day

Artist Birthdays:

- Jean-François Millet (10/4)
- Pablo Picasso (10/25)
- Angelica Kauffman (10/30)
- Johannes Vermeer (10/31)

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November

Season: Autumn

Holidays:

- American Indian Heritage Month
- Look for Circles Day (11/1)
- Election Day (Tuesday after 1st Monday of November)
- Veterans Day (11/11)
- Guy Fawkes Day (11/5)
- Mickey Mouse Day (11/18)
- TARDIS Day (11/23)
- Thanksgiving (4th Thursday of November)

Artist Birthdays:

- Claude Monet (11/14)
- Sonia Delaunay (11/14)
- Georgia O'Keeffe (11/15)
- Charles Schulz (11/26)
- William Blake (11/28)

December

Season: Winter

Holidays:

- Hanukkah
- Winter Solstice (12/21)
- Christmas (12/25)

Artist Birthdays:

- Georges Seurat (12/2)
- Edvard Munch (12/12)
- Paul Klee (12/18)
- Henri Matisse (12/31)
- Clementine Hunter (12/31)

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Chapter Four:

Masterpiece Society Suggested Calendar



CONNECT YOUR ART STUDIES WITH WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE WORLD (AT THE TIME)

What era or time in history will you be studying?

Ancient Times

- Ancient Art: Fertile Crescent, Egyptian
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Middle Ages (400 AD – 1600 AD)

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- Tribal Art, Renaissance

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- France: Rococo, Neoclassicism, Impressionism, Post Impressionism
- United States: Pop Art, American Modernism
- Africa, the Americas, Oceania: Tribal Art

There's sooo much artsy goodness here for your kids (and you)! And in all honesty, there is enough art within this membership site to take your kids from Kindergarten all the way up to High School.

So to help you avoid overwhelm, we've put together this calendar with **lesson suggestions** for each month of the year. (Please note: this does not include every lesson within the membership, just a sampling.)

As a homeschooling mom for almost two decades, I completely understand that we homeschoolers don't ever want to be put in a box. That's why you and your kids are always free to do any course or lesson you desire. But if you'd like a little more structure or a few suggestions now and then, let this calendar help you!

Simply print it out and add it to your homeschool planner or post it on your fridge for inspiration throughout the year.

How the Calendar is Organized:

- **Monthly:** The lessons are organized by month to give you ideas for Art in your homeschool. Included are seasonal courses, plus holiday lessons within that particular month.
 - **Sequentially:** If you'd rather follow a sequential order for the more advanced courses such as, *Mixing with the Masters*, or *Art School*, we've organized those for your older kids as well.
 - **Color-coded:** You will also notice that we've color-coded the lessons to help with age suggestions for the courses. However, as you may already know, most of our art courses can be adapted to fit the needs of the entire family. Below is the color key we use:
- **GREEN:** Grades K thru 2nd
 - **BLUE:** Ages 8 and up
 - **PURPLE:** Ages 10 and up
 - **ORANGE:** Ages 13 and up
 - **PINK:** Moms

Consider the ages of your children:

- Are they a bit on the younger side? Early or middle elementary? If so, I encourage you to stick with the [K-2 art courses \(listed in green on calendar\)](#), step-by-step drawing lessons, and with assistance, some lessons [in the seasonal, holiday, and abstract courses \(listed in blue on calendar\)](#).
- Are they upper elementary to early middle school? If so, any of the [seasonal, holidays, abstract, and pet courses \(listed in blue on calendar\)](#) and even the [Mixing with the Masters courses \(listed in purple on calendar\)](#) will be great for them. Of course, they're welcome to do the art for younger kids [\(green\)](#) if you think they'd enjoy them.
- Are they preteen to teens? The sky's the limit with them – let them choose from any courses they'd like: [seasonal, holidays, abstract, and pet courses \(listed in blue on calendar\)](#), and the [Mixing with the Masters courses \(listed in purple on calendar\)](#), and don't forget the [Art School courses \(listed in orange on calendar\)](#) which we created especially for this age group.
- Are your kids everywhere in between? If you have a mix of ages, they can work separately or let them all work together on projects. Your younger children can do as much as they can, while older kids and teens can embellish to their hearts' content. Even preschoolers can color (or paint) the PDF templates alongside their older siblings.
- And don't forget about yourself! While you'll have loads of fun creating alongside your kids in any of our courses, we have a special section for you: [Masterpiece Moms \(listed in pink on calendar\)](#). Don't neglect to take time for yourself to refill your cup. "Mom time" is essential for a happy, well-balanced you.

January

Space Explorers: Solar System, Rocketship, Nebula

Winter Wonderland: Mixed Media Snowman, Watercolor Cardinal, Mixed Media Crocus

Holidays: New Year's Day 1/1, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Appreciate a Dragon Day 1/16, Winnie the Pooh Day 1/18 **LiterARTure:** Winnie the Pooh or Pride and Prejudice

Bard Art: Twelfth Night

Art of the Round Table: Camelot

Historical ARTchives: Native American Pictograph

Drawing Animals with Kristen Bailey: Cat

MWTM1: Leonardo Da Vinci

Art Escapades: Leonardo Da Vinci-Inspired Blueprints

Nature Journaling with Heather Woodie: Trees

Drawing 101: Lessons 1-12

Art Through the Ages: Eastern Art: Japan

Masterpiece Moms: Chalkboard Art

Hand Lettering with Elizabeth Warren: What is Hand Lettering?

February

Backyard Nature: Beetle, Flower Garden

Winter Wonderland: Birch Forest, Paperwhites, Sculpted Bird

Holidays: Black History – Clementine's Zinnias, Jim Dine Hearts 2/14, Tell a Fairy Tale Day 2/26

Valentine's Day Course, 2/14

LiterARTure: Frog and Toad or Charlotte's Web

Bard Art: Romeo & Juliet

Art of the Round Table: Sword in the Stone

Historical ARTchives: Abe Lincoln

Drawing Animals with Kristen Bailey: Cow

MWTM2: Albrecht Dürer

Art Escapades: Aaron Douglas-Inspired Mural

Nature Journaling with Heather Woodie: Birds

Drawing 101: Lessons 13-24

Art Through the Ages: Eastern Art: China

Masterpiece Moms: Finger Painted Floral

Hand Lettering with Elizabeth Warren: Lettering with Crayola Markers

March

Backyard Nature: Bird, Flower

Springtime Splendor: Mixed Media Bees, Acrylic Bird's Nest, Watercolor Bluebird

Holidays: Pi Day 3/14, St. Patrick's Day 3/17, Vernal Equinox 3/20, World Poetry Day 3/21, Tolkien Reading Day (3/25) National Crayon Day 3/31

LiterARTure: Sherlock Holmes or Peter Pan

BARD Art: Julius Caesar

Art of the Round Table: Knight

Historical ARTchives: Women's Suffrage Movement

Drawing Animals with Kristen Bailey: Deer

MWTM1: Rembrandt van Rijn

Art Escapades: Van Gogh's Starry Night in Decoupage

Nature Journaling with Heather Woodie: Wild Plants & Fungi

Drawing 101: Lessons 25-36

Art Through the Ages: Eastern Art: India

Masterpiece Moms: Bird's Nest

Virtual Paint Parties: Abstract Roses in Acrylics

Hand Lettering with Elizabeth Warren: Lettering with Tombow Fude, Part I

April

Backyard Nature: Worm, Butterfly

Watercolor Whimsies: Spring Edition

Springtime Splendor: Butterflies, Sculpted Poppy Bowl, Cherry Trees

Holidays: Easter art lessons, Shakespeare's Birthday 4/23, Earth Day 4/24

LiterARTure: Alice in Wonderland or Peter Rabbit

BARD Art: Measure for Measure

Art of the Round Table: Dragon

Drawing Animals with Kristen Bailey: Dog

MWTM2: Johannes Vermeer

Art Escapades: Andy Warhol-Inspired Pop Art Cats

Nature Journaling with Heather Woodie: Mammals

Watercolor 101: Lessons 1-11

Art Through the Ages: Tribal: Africa

Masterpiece Moms: Abstract Irises

Hand Lettering with Elizabeth Warren: Lettering with Tombow Fude, Part II

May

Under the Sea: Octopus, Starfish, Sea Turtle
Springtime Splendor: Spring Chick, Frog Collage, Watercolor Tulips
Holidays: May Day 5/1, Star Wars Day 5/4, Mother's Day, World Turtle Day 5/23
LiterARTure: Wind in the Willows or Secret Garden
BARD Art: Hamlet
Art of the Round Table: Coat of Arms
Drawing Animals with Kristen Bailey: Goat
MWTM2: Edgar Degas
Art Escapades: Gustav Klimt-Inspired Superhero
Nature Journaling with Heather Woodie: Insects
Watercolor 101: Lessons 12-22
Art Through the Ages: Tribal Art: The Americas and Oceania
Masterpiece Moms: Ocean Scene
Hand Lettering with Elizabeth Warren: Lettering with Tombow Dual Tip Markers

June

Under the Sea: Jellyfish, Shark, Crab
Celebrate Summer: Seahorse Collage, Sailboat, Whimsical Bike
Playful Pet Portraits: Colorful Yorkie, Cat on Negative Space
Holiday: Father's Day, Summer Solstice 6/20
LiterARTure: Little House on the Prairie or The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe
Summer Art Camp: ARTventure into Neverland
BARD Art: Midsummer Night's Dream
Art of the Round Table: Lady of the Lake
Historical ARTchives: Preamble to the Constitution
Drawing Animals with Kristen Bailey: Horse
MWTM1: Claude Monet
Art Escapades: Katsushika Hokusai's Great Wave in Markers
Nature Journaling with Heather Woodie: Amphibians & Reptiles
Handmade from the Heart: Candy Stripe Friendship Bracelet or Scrunchies
Watercolor 101: Lessons 23-32
Art Through the Ages: Medieval Art: Early Christian
Masterpiece Moms: Mixed Media Inspiration Piece Virtual Paint Parties:
 Watercolor Wreath
Hand Lettering with Elizabeth Warren: Blending with Tombow Dual Tip Markers

July

Dinosaurs: Triceratops, Pterodactyl

Celebrate Summer: Wildflowers, Lightning Bug Jar, Citrus Fruit Playful Pet

Portraits: Goldfish in Oil Pastels, Watercolor Hamster

Holiday: Independence Day 7/4

LiterARTure: Call of the Wild or Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea

BARD Art: King Lear

Art of the Round Table: Code of Chivalry

Historical ARTchives: George Washington Presidential Portrait

Drawing Animals with Kristen Bailey: Mouse

MWTM2: Paul Cézanne

Art Escapades: Georgia O'Keeffe-Inspired Closeup

Nature Journaling with Heather Woodie: Trees

Handmade from the Heart: Today I Choose Block

Acrylics (& Oils) 101: Lessons 1-12

Art Through the Ages: Medieval Art: Islamic

Masterpiece Moms: Watercolor Bouquet

Hand Lettering with Elizabeth Warren: Adding Flourishes to Your Lettering

August

Dinosaurs: Parasaurolophus, Brachiosaurus

Celebrate Summer: Fairy/Gnome, Mixed Media Tent, Pink Flamingo

Playful Pet Portraits: Parakeets, Watercolor Chameleon

Abstract: A World of Circles or Mondrian

LiterARTure: The Jungle Book or Anne of Green Gables

Art of the Round Table: The Round Table

Historical ARTchives: First English Colonies

BARD Art: Much Ado About Nothing

Drawing Animals with Kristen Bailey: Snake

MWTM2: Mary Cassatt

Art Escapades: Alma Thomas-Inspired Space Art

Nature Journaling with Heather Woodie: Birds

Acrylics (& Oils) 101: Lessons 13-24

Art Through the Ages: Medieval Art: Byzantine and Gothic

Masterpiece Moms: O'Keeffe-Inspired Zinnia

Hand Lettering with Elizabeth Warren: Mixing Different Lettering Styles

September

Down on the Farm: Cow, Sheep, Pig

Art of Fall: Mixed Media Owl, Monarch Butterfly, Sculpted Leaves

Holidays: Talk Like a Pirate Day 9/19, Hobbit Day 9/22, Autumnal Equinox 9/22

LiterARTure: The Hobbit or Lord of the Rings

BARD Art: As You Like It

Art of the Round Table: Holy Grail

Historical ARTchives: Billy Yank and Johnny Reb

Drawing Animals with Kristen Bailey: Squirrel

MWTM1: Vincent Van Gogh

Art Escapades: Henri Matisse-Inspired Collage

Nature Journaling with Heather Woodie: Wild Plants & Fungi

Acrylics (& Oils) 101: Lessons 25-34

Art Through the Ages: Ancient Art, Prehistoric, Art of the Fertile Crescent

Masterpiece Moms: Pumpkin & Sunflower

Virtual Paint Parties: Abstract Wildflower Garden in Watercolors

Hand Lettering with Elizabeth Warren: Creating Layouts with Your Lettering

October

Down on the Farm: Rooster, Goose, Horse

Watercolor Whimsies: Autumn Edition

Art of Fall: Rolled Pumpkin, Mixed Media Trees/Leaves, Doodle Lettering

Abstract: Color Explosion or Geometric

Holidays: National Poetry Day 10/3, Astronomy Day 10/13, Halloween 10/31

LiterARTure: Frankenstein or Jekyll & Hyde

BARD Art: Macbeth

Art of the Round Table: The Charge of Arthur

Historical ARTchives: Statue of Liberty

Drawing Animals with Kristen Bailey: Turtle

MWTM2: Henri Matisse

Art Escapades: Claude Monet-Inspired Piece

Nature Journaling with Heather Woodie: Mammals

Handmade from the Heart: Paper Pumpkin Garland or Yarn Pumpkin Garland

Pastels 101: Lessons 1-12

Art Through the Ages: Ancient Art: Egyptian

Masterpiece Moms: Autumn Watercolor

Hand Lettering with Elizabeth Warren: Adding Florals to Your Lettering

November

Dinosaurs: T-Rex, Stegosaurus

Art of Fall: Apple Recipe Blocks, Autumn Quote Chalkboard Art, Indian Corn Acrylic Painting
Holidays: Thanksgiving, TARDIS Day 11/23, Guy Fawkes Day 11/5, Mickey Mouse Day 11/18, TARDIS Day 11/23

LiterARTure: The Borrowers or Murder on the Orient Express

BARD Art: The Tempest

Art of the Round Table: The Wizard Merin

Historical ARTchives: Mayflower Voyage to the New World

MWTMI: Pablo Picasso

Art Escapades: Alphonse Munch-Inspired Piece

Nature Journaling with Heather Woodie: Insects

Handmade from the Heart: Orange Clove Pomander or Granny Squares

Pastels 101: Lessons 13-24

Art Through the Ages: Classical Art: Greek

Masterpiece Moms: Thankful Chalkboard Art

Hand Lettering with Elizabeth Warren: Lettering on Greeting Cards

December

Space Explorers: Comet, Robot, Constellations

Watercolor Whimsies: Christmas Edition

Winter Wonderland: Mixed Media Christmas Tree, Watercolor Ornaments,
Hymnal Wreath Holiday: Christmas 12/25

LiterARTure: A Christmas Carol or Little Women

BARD Art: A Winter's Tale

Art of the Round Table: Questing Beast

Historical ARTchives: North Star Quilt

MWTMI: Georgia O'Keeffe

Art Escapades: Bob Ross-Inspired Piece

Nature Journaling with Heather Woodie: Amphibians & Reptiles

Handmade from the Heart: Paper Snowflake in 3D or Fabric Bird Ornament

Pastels 101: Lessons 25-35

Art Through the Ages: Classical Art: Etruscan and Roman

Masterpiece Moms: Ornament Painting

Virtual Paint Parties: Intuitive Abstract in Acrylics

Hand Lettering with Elizabeth Warren: Final Lettering Project

A collection of art supplies including paintbrushes and paint tubes. The brushes are covered in various colors of paint, and the tubes are also covered in paint, showing they have been used. The background is white, and the entire image is framed by a pink border.

Chapter Five.

Basic Art Supplies List



Basic Art Supply List

On a tight budget? Here's a list of the good, better, and best art supplies to add more to your stash as you can.

** Prices listed are current at the time of publication.*

GOOD = \$25

Walmart:

- Bee Inspired 9x12 watercolor pad (50 sheets, 140 lb) **\$10.97**
- Apple Barrel acrylic paints (\$0.50 ea) buy 10: (Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Pink, Purple, White, Black, Brown) **\$5.00 for 10**
- Royal Langnickel brush set (10 pc set) **\$4.47**
- Foam brushes **\$0.94**
- School glue \$0.54

Amazon:

- Crayola Watercolor Set **\$2.72**

TOTAL: \$24.64

BETTER = \$50

Amazon:

- Canson watercolor pad (30 sheets, 140 lb) **\$14.03**
- Folk Art acrylic paints set **\$10.67**
- Crayola Watercolor Set **\$2.72**
- Brush set (20-pc) **\$6.89**
- Charcoal pencil set **\$5.54**
- Mod Podge **\$6.98**

Walmart:

- Ultra-Fine Sharpie **\$1.99**

Michael's:

- Gelly Roll white gel pen **\$1.99**

TOTAL: \$50.81

BEST

Add the following to your "better" stash as you *need* them & as you can afford them:

Amazon:

- Liquitex Classics student grade acrylics **\$38.56**
- Prima Watercolor Set **\$18.57**
- Canvas panels (8x10) **\$15.99**
- Micron Sakura Pigma (6 set) **\$10.95**
- Oil Pastels **\$22.43**
- Sharpie Paint Pen - Water-based **\$6.92**



Gather these supplies from around the house:

- Scissors
- Old book pages or decorative scrapbooking papers
- Magazine clippings, tissue paper or old sewing patterns
- Bubble wrap and/or punchinella or shelf liner
- Brightly-colored card stock or construction paper
- Paper or Styrofoam plate
- Masking or painter's tape
- Aluminum foil
- Old gift/credit card
- Baby wipes
- Stamps & ink pads
- Old T-shirt for smock
- Craft paper or newspaper or plastic to cover workspace
- Printer & paper

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Alisha is also the founder of the [Beautiful Life Creative Community](#), an art membership for women in which she encourages women to nourish their spirits, nurture their souls, and live a beautiful life (Psalm 16:11 Voice) , and [Awaken to Delight](#), a delight-filled community for Charlotte Mason homeschoolers featuring morning time curriculum and handicraft lessons.

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What's next?

Remember, you don't have to do art every single week to provide a rich and generous education for your kids.

The most important thing to remember is that even though your days may get hectic or even chaotic, you are making memories and timeless keepsakes with your children every time you sit down to create with them.

You can't do it all. But you can certainly add in a little bit here and there, and the Masterpiece Society is here to help you every step of the way with rich, guided art experiences for your whole family!

NEXT STEPS

Please check out each of our sites for ALL of your home-school art needs:

- [Masterpiece Society](#)
- [Masterpiece Curations](#)
- [Masterpiece Society YouTube Channel](#)

Let's make messy and beautiful art together!

