**Material Suggestions for Exploring Art - Online**

I'm going to try to keep it simple with materials you hopefully already have.  We can do a lot with pencil, Sharpie, markers, oil pastels (crayons can work in a pinch), watercolors, and good quality paper and brushes. If your kids like art, these are staples that are nice to have in the house for them anyway. If you need to get any of these things, here are some brands I recommend.  I am including links for Blick Art Supplies (their orders usually take a little while to get) and Hobby Lobby (their Master's Touch brand is pretty good and they are often on sale for half off (there is always a 40% off coupon on their website, too). Other than Master’s Touch, these are pretty common brands/products so you can also find them on Amazon, Target, Michael's, etc.

Black Fine-tip Sharpie (just a plain old Sharpie)

* <https://www.dickblick.com/items/21316-2001/>

Crayola Washable Markers (at least 8 colors but 12 is nice)

* <https://www.dickblick.com/items/21218-1009/>
* <https://www.hobbylobby.com/Crafts-Hobbies/Kids-Crafts-Activities/Classroom-Supplies/Crayola-Classic-Broad-Line-Markers---10-Piece-Set/p/21675>

Pentel Oil Pastels (at least 12 colors)

* <https://www.dickblick.com/items/20020-2509/>
* <https://www.hobbylobby.com/search/?text=oil+pastels+pentel&quickview=5566>

Watercolors (at least 8 colors)

* Crayola -- <https://www.dickblick.com/items/00309-1029/>
* [hobbylobby.com/Art-Supplies/Painting-Supplies/Watercolor-Painting/Watercolor-Paint---12-Piece-Set/p/80827392](http://hobbylobby.com/Art-Supplies/Painting-Supplies/Watercolor-Painting/Watercolor-Paint---12-Piece-Set/p/80827392" \t "_blank) (the Crayola set they carry is not great quality and has a bad brush -- this one may be better)

9"x12" Mixed Media Paper  (11”x14” is nice to have, too, but not madatory)

* <https://www.dickblick.com/items/12468-1023/>
* <https://www.hobbylobby.com/Art-Supplies/Painting-Canvas-Art-Surfaces/Drawing-Sketching/Multi-Media-Pad---9-x-12/p/80875446>

Good brushes make all the difference.  I like this brand.  It's what we use in class and they last a long time if the kids are nice to the bristles (ask them what I mean) and they get washed well after each use

* <https://www.dickblick.com/items/06082-1569/> (I like this pack best because it has flat and round brushes)
* <https://www.hobbylobby.com/Crafts-Hobbies/Kids-Crafts-Activities/Art-Supplies/Deluxe-Kids-Round-Paint-Brush-Value-Pack/p/29171>

Ticonderoga is my favorite brand of pencil - [https://www.dickblick.com/products/dixon-ticonderoga-pencils/](https://www.dickblick.com/products/dixon-ticonderoga-pencils/" \t "_blank) but any #2 will be ok.

A good eraser is also great to have! I haven't tried these specifically, but the blue one looks like the kind I use <https://www.dickblick.com/products/faber-castell-grip-erasers/>