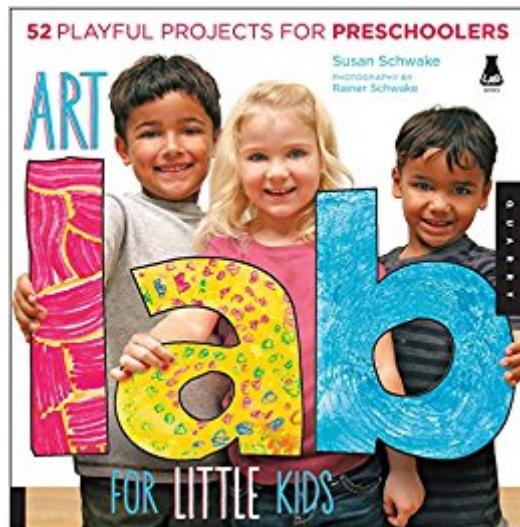




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Art Lab For Little Kids: 52 Playful Projects For Preschoolers (Lab Series)



Synopsis

Developed for the younger set (4-6 year olds) and targeting one of the most critical developmental periods for children, Art Lab for Little Kids is the perfect book for both parents and teachers who are seeking enriching and unique experiences to offer this age group. As in Susan Schwake's first book, Art Lab for Kids (Quarry Books, 2012), the Labs can be used as singular projects, or used to build up to a year of hands-on fine art experiences. Each Lab also features the work of a prominent artist for inspiration. The book begins with an introduction on materials and setting up a space for making art. The lessons that follow are open-ended to be explored over and over with different results each time. They are geared for children being taught or guided by adults and are successful on all levels of experience and age. They do not result in "cookie cutter" end products, but are a method of learning something new each time they are used. This motivational book stands out as a unique reference for creating fine art with children through finding the student's own voice, marks and style and with playful lessons that result in significant skill building. Gorgeous photography shows different results from different people using the same lesson, exemplifying the way the lesson brings out each artist's personal style. Art Lab for Little Kids is a fresh source of creative activities for families and community groups or will work as lesson plans for both experienced and new art teachers in home school, preschool, and kindergarten environments.

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Customer Reviews

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"I love Susan's Art Lab series and reference them in the Art Studio often. They're easy to follow, full of images, and directed at open-ended exploration - exactly the kind of reference I need for my own busy home." - Meghan Burch, Art Studio Educator, The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art, Amherst, MA

Susan Schwake is an artist, art educator, author, and curator. Her passion for teaching art for more than 20 years has found her working in many diverse settings, as well as her own art school, which operates in conjunction with their gallery and design firm in New Hampshire, called artstream. Susan exhibits her own artwork in galleries in the United States and Europe. To date, she has curated over 100 compelling contemporary exhibitions in her own gallery with hundreds of national and international artists' work. Susan has worked with many corporations installing original artwork from the gallery's stable of artists. In keeping with her passion for art and teaching, Susan has offered, and continues to offer, workshops and programs to parents, teachers at universities, art studios, community organization, public and private schools, and most recently

online with e-courses in teacher training, painting, printmaking and mixed media. Rainer Schwake is a versatile and talented media designer holding a masters degree in graphic design. His photography has been used in hundreds of business- and arts-related design works for print and websites. He is co-owner of artstream studios (www.artstreamstudios.com) and lives with his wife, Susan, in Rochester, NH.

There's an art lab book for older kids but I think this one has better projects, and these projects are fine for older kids too. I've used this with my 3 & 8yro kids as well as 2nd grade Girl Scouts. Lots of great ideas and shows professional artist examples of each project for inspiration.

I love this book! I love her practical guidance and I really love the info to artists and authors that teachers can use to enhance their lessons. Excellent book! I bought the Kindle version and the links work! Love it. Thank you Susan!

There are so many fun art projects to do. This is my first year teaching art to my kindergarteners, and this book is definitely a great starting point in developing the curriculum.

Art Lab for little kids is a fun, engaging book. It has a number of projects perfect for little people and parents. Anyone who wants to make art with their kids should check this book out. There are materials lists, examples of projects and each project includes a detailed step by step. We greatly enjoy this book and the Art Lab for bigger kids!

This was a Easter gift! My granddaughters loved them!!

I'm a museum educator and I use these for inspiration for lessons, they are excellent and high quality--and very easy to do. You do not need a background in art for these. A great gift to parents.

Simple and cute! It would be easy to adjust for multi grade classrooms (like the one I teach art to) and perfect for little ones building confidence!

Our children's school has a mean art teacher that yells, or so I hear. My children love to create art and this book, along with the other title, Art Lab for Kids, have inspired me to bring art time to our kitchen table. I'm hoping it will let my children get their art fix that they are not getting at school. We

have done a couple of projects that turned out really cute.

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