

# Drawing to Music

## Primary Objectives

7b. Uses writing and drawing tools

## Why It's Important

As your child learns to control the small muscles in his hands, it is important to provide him with many opportunities to practice writing and drawing.

## Materials

Markers or crayons; large piece of paper; a variety of music

## What You Do

1. Invite your child to join you at the table. Explain that he will be listening to music and drawing while he listens.
2. Play the music and encourage your child to describe what he hears before drawing. *What do you think of when you hear this music? To me it sounds jumpy and quick.*
3. As your child draws, encourage him to use the music as his inspiration. *I'm going to play a slow song now. Let's see how you decide to paint when the music is slow.*
4. Allow your child to continue with the activity as long as he is interested. Do this activity again from time to time to see how your child's ability to listen to the rhythm and feeling of the music impacts his artwork.
5. You may want to collect a series of these drawings over time to display in your home.