

# THE ART OF ME

## Purpose:

To create a work of art that expresses the most important things children want others to know about them. In this activity, children create a unique work of art that illustrates the many aspects of their personality.

## Materials:

White drawing paper  
Crayons, Markers

## Procedure:

Give children about five minutes to think about and then list about 10 things that are most important to them.

Next, discuss symbols that might be used to represent those important things. For example, a symbol for a love of family might be a drawing of the people in the family; a symbol for a love of reading might be a book or a library card; a symbol for a dog might be a bone or a leash; a symbol for a love of gardening might be a rose or a watering can. Challenge children to think of symbols that might represent the things on their lists. Give them a few minutes to write next to each item an appropriate symbol or two.

Provide children with a sheet of white drawing paper and ask them write their names in block or bubble letters in the center of the page. Around their names, have children draw symbols representing at least five of the important items on their lists.

Display children' completed works of art on a fridge or on bedroom doors. In a classroom environment you might be able to fill the class door or hallway with all the children's representations of themselves.

