

8 is Enough! Suggestions for an Eric Carle Story & Craft Series!

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Adapt the books and activities for the ages of children in your program.

Consider doing a story & craft program for children ages 5 to 8.

Ask children how they thought Eric Carle made certain pictures.

Include a simple craft each week exploring various techniques with crayons, markers, cut paper, tissue paper, tempera paint, watercolor, murals, marbling with shaving cream, etc.

THEME SUGGESTIONS

OUTLINES include some or all of the following for each theme: Action Wigglers & Games; Booklist, with at least one Eric Carle book to anchor the storytime; Crafts; Dramatic Play or Writing Activities, Music, Poetry.

- AROUND AND AROUND WITH NUMBERS
- BABY ANIMALS BUMPIN' ABOUT
- COLOR CRAZY
- DAY BY DAY A WEEK GOES BY
- EVERYBODY HOME
- GET UP AND MOVE
- OUT OF THIS WORLD
- WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

WEBSITES

The Official Eric Carle Website, <http://www.eric-carle.com/catexchange.html>

<http://www.princetonol.com/groups/iad/lessons/elem/Linda-Carle.htm>

<http://bkids.typepad.com/bookhoucraftprojects/2008/06/project-24-pain.html>

http://www.eric-carle.com/slideshow_paint.html

http://www.ehow.com/how_4719162_tissue-paper-collage-art.html

VIDEO: *Eric Carle Picture Writer* (Available from Art Video World 1-800-644-3429)

BOOKS: *The Art of Eric Carle* by Eric Carle. Philomel, 2002.

You Can Make A Collage: A Very Simple How-to Book by Eric Carle. Klutz Press, 1998.

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