

# toddler studio:

## Meet the Artist

Today we're working with Sarah Ayala, one of our past Carter Community Artists! Artists create paintings and sculptures we see in our communities every day, sharing their stories and ideas with the world. Let's work together to make our own artistic creations to share!

### PLANNING:

Every artwork starts with an idea and a plan. Start by choosing your art-making tools and settling into a cozy space to begin creating. Kitchen tables, sidewalks, and baking sheets make excellent work surfaces. Looking for inspiration? Choose one of the prompts below:

*Create an artwork while you listen to different types of music.*

*Create an artwork by taking turns.*

*Create an artwork that tells a story.*

### CREATING:

Now that you and your toddler have an idea to explore, it's time to get creative! You can collaborate or work side by side. As you work, narrate what you're doing and ask your toddler questions about their process. Experiment with different ways of gripping utensils and making marks. Don't worry about making a "perfect" finished product. Have fun!

### SHARING:

When you've finished, take some time to share and reflect with one another!

*Tell me a story about your artwork.*

*What could we add to our artwork next time?*

*Which tools did you enjoy using the most?*



## books

*Frida Kahlo and her Animalitos* by Monica Brown, illustrated by John Parra

*Mix it Up!* By Herve Tullet

*How to be an Explorer of the World: Portable Art Life Museum* by Keri Smith

*A River* by Marc Martin

*A Life Made by Hand: The Story of Ruth Asawa* by Andrea D'Aquino

*Drawn Together* by Minh Le, illustrated by Dan Santat