

# SIDEWALK CHALK IDEAS

VARIOUS AGES

ARTS  
FUN  
FROM ART TO HEART

Parents and children can draw together and make sidewalk art a learning opportunity. Some of the activities are also well suited for group or class play.

## IDEAS

- Trace your child's body outline or have your child trace you. Then you can both add details or color in the outline.
- Write the child's name in big letters with sidewalk chalk. Connect movement activities to learning the letters. For example, ask your child, "Can you jump on the letter E?" "Can you spin on the letter O?"
- Draw a number line. Do simple addition and subtraction problems with children jumping to the appointed number.
- Draw a high rise apartment. Assign each child a floor of their own to decorate.
- Put a variety of shapes and letters in a large area with a chalk border. Call out things for children to find. (For example, "Stand on a letter that's in your name." "Jump to the shape that is the same as a ball.")
- Make an obstacle course with sidewalk chalk. Design it before you draw it. Each child creates a different component of the course. Arrows and lines would guide the direction of the course between obstacles. For example, a forest obstacle course could include a sticky swamp, tall trees for climbing, and a river with rocks for crossing. After the course is drawn, the children can run the course.
- Draw a rocket ship. Make up a story together about traveling in the rocket ship to a far-away planet. Draw parts of the planet where you'll explore.
- Draw a habitat including a variety of plants and animals.
- Make a large abstract design. Take turns naming a shape, type of line, or design for everyone to draw.

## MATERIALS

- sidewalk chalk in variety of colors
- driveway, sidewalk, playground, or other paved area to draw on

