

IDEAS FOR MATERIAL COLLECTION

Materials for all senses: plants, potpourri; food to touch, smell and taste, all textures, sizes, shapes, colors; materials that make a sound crumbling or crunching...

Hardware and household gadgets and gizmos (for example):

Sifters	Tongs	Jar openers	Hooks
Nut crackers	Egg holders	Beaters	Tires
Timers	Iced cube trays	Grinders	Clips
Garlic presses	Melon ball scoop	Nuts	Bolts
Magnets	Clothes pins	Wheels	Tires
Pulleys	Wheels	Bobbers	Springs
Bottle caps	Washers	Vegetable steamers	

Rope-like material (for example):

Twine	String	Yarn	Lanyard
Shoe laces	Clothes line	Nylon rope	Elastic
Hemp	Ribbon	Lace	Tubing

Paper (for example):

Waxed	Tissue	Construction	Glitter
White copy	Tracing	Newsprint	Rice
Newspaper	Metallic	Transparent	Envelopes
Cellophane	Wrapping	Aluminum`	Wall paper
Crepe	Contact	Mural	Glitter
Wallpaper	Shelf paper	Grocery bags	Tin foil
Magazines	Butcher paper	Poster board	Thin
Printer samples	Water color	Patterned	Thick
Sandpaper	Doilies	Wrinkled	Postcards
Folded	Turn	High gloss	Charcoal
Matte	Lined	Unlined	Box covers
Paper plates	Towels	Braided	Textured
Torn	Coffee filters	Saran Wrap	Ridged
Grid	Sticky back	Colored copy	Bumpy
Cork-like	Toilet	Tissue	Textured foil
Marbled	Iridescent	Cardboard	

Sun print/light sensitive --- Color diffuse

Various grades of whites from graphic design offices

Variety of neutral colors, bright colors; Variety of handmade paper

Also, changing the paper can make interesting variations:

wet	wrinkle	twist	fold	loop
bend	crimp	heat	freeze	crumple
weave	braid	rip	punch holes	score
tie	twirl	layer	poke holes	scratch
cut	roll	wrap	split	

3-D Construction/Building Materials (for example):

Cardboard	paper rolls	Styrofoam	foil
plastic trays	Packing materials	egg cartons	stones
Reeds	baskets	Springs	raffia
Hooks	Fabric	chicken wire	frames
Wood pieces	popsicle sticks	Cones	bottle caps
Beads	Nuts/bolts	pipes	jewelry
Rocks, stones	pinecones	Acorns	wood shavings
Sticks	Slices of sticks	buttons	cotton balls
Balls	Wire-like items	Foam	gourds
Bobbers	Clay	plaster	mirrors
Sand	gauze	Papier mache	fur, leather

Boxes-tin, wood, cardboard, clear, fabric; Items from "gadgets and gizmos"

BUILDING WITH FOUND OBJECTS: Anything you find anywhere -In drawers, basements, garages, old barns...small tin boxes, keys, chains, nuts, bolts, jewelry, parts of clocks, buttons, clips, knobs, springs, Brillo pads, hooks, fasteners, wire, charms, old game pieces, mesh, corks, spools, small wood pieces, small pieces of rope, bottle caps, bobbers, washers, grommets, small tubes, unique stones..... who knows what else?

Drawing/Coloring materials:

Markers
Colored pencils
Drawing pencils
Crayons
Charcoal, Chalk, Pastels
Fabric markers
Black felt tip makers
Crav-bas. water color pencils

Paint:

Tempera-liquid, powder
Water colors
fabric paint
gel paint
acrylic
Finger

Collage materials:

Feathers	Small pieces of wood	Ribbon	Beads
Sequins	Buttons	Glitter	Pipe cleaners
Yarn	Corrugated	Doilies	all paper
Jewelry	burlap, fabric	puzzles	Wire

Colored, plain sand

Natural materials - acorns, pinecones, bark, petals . . .

Cut pieces of newspaper, magazines, wallpaper . . .

Rolled-up/twisted foil, tissue, wax paper, newspaper . . .

Beads:

Wire/cutter
Wooden beads
Glass beads
elastic

Weaving:

looms
dried flowers
feathers
lace
grasses
wire
sticks
string
ribbon
paper
yarn
fabric

Shadow/light:

Materials for -Shadow screen, Light table, Overhead, Slide projector, flashlights, sun, lamp light

Anything transparent/translucent - cups, bowls, Plexiglas, Buttons, beads, bubbles, acrylic shapes

Stones, feathers, skarves, tissue, All shapes of objects, Puppets and people

Tools:

pencil sharpener	Glue spreaders	Smocks
Stapler	Warming tray	Hole punch
Iron	Paper clips	Crimper
Graters	Sticks	Loofahs
Clay tools	Rollers	Erasers
Table covering	Sponges	Silk screens
Scrapers	Stencils	Screening
Rags	Buckets	Easels
Wipes	Looms	frames
Paper cutters	Scissors-straight, shaped	

Glue-wood, white, paste, stick

Tape - masking, duct, scotch, double sided, colored

Containers - trays, cups, bowls, plates, cupcake pans

Brushes - wide, narrow, long, short, stipple, flat, round

Technology

Computers, printers, scanners, copiers, Cameras, film, memory cards - 35mm, digital, slides, color, Black and white, video, Tape recorders, Digital projectors

SOME OF THE HUNDRED LANGUAGES:

Weaving, Beading, wire sculpture, Mobiles, stabiles

Dancing/running - with hoops, skarves, streamers, fabric, Musical instruments, kites, Singing, composing music

Dress-up, dramatic play, puppets, charades, dolls

3-D: Carpentry, wood/clay construction, bas-relief, Legos

Printmaking, woodcuts, Silk-screening, etching, Crayon resist, batik

Digging, sandcastles, arranging nature in sand

Climbing, jumping, crawling, swinging, sliding

Bookmaking, papermaking, Bubbles, shadows

Photography, film making, sound mixing, computer graphics

Map making, geo-boards

Making of gifts, cards

Drawing, painting of all kinds, Mosaics, ceramic, clay

Patterning, stenciling, rubbings

Sewing - quilting, knitting, crochet, Sorting, classifying

Self-portraits - draw, collage, 3-D, paint; Portraits of others

Still life, Flower arranging, Planting, gardening

One medium collage - wood, buttons, yarn, magazine

Multi-medium collage

Light sensitive paper

Origami, Paper bending, curling, looping

Exploring with light, shadow, water (plain or mixed)

Talking, sign language

Combinations of any of these