



Writing is more than holding a pencil and making marks:

You need to start big

Provide scarves, ribbons, bubbles. Encourage your child to catch them, to make patterns by twirling ribbons and scarves.

Provide decorating brushes and buckets of water encourage your child to paint the walls and fences.

Provide low level climbing activities and planks to walk across.

Provide open cardboard boxes to crawl through.

Many of the activities that help children to learn to write do not actually involve children writing:

Scrunching up newspaper, tissue paper, popping bubble wrap

Dried beans, lentils, rice, transfer using a spoon, tweezers or index finger and thumb

Provide a selection of plastic jars with screw top lids, open to find the hidden treasure.

Provide dough, this can be rolled, cut, pounded and pinched.

Provide a thin layer of sand in a shallow tray, use index finger to make patterns and shapes.

Provide squeazy bottles filled with water, make patterns on the ground.