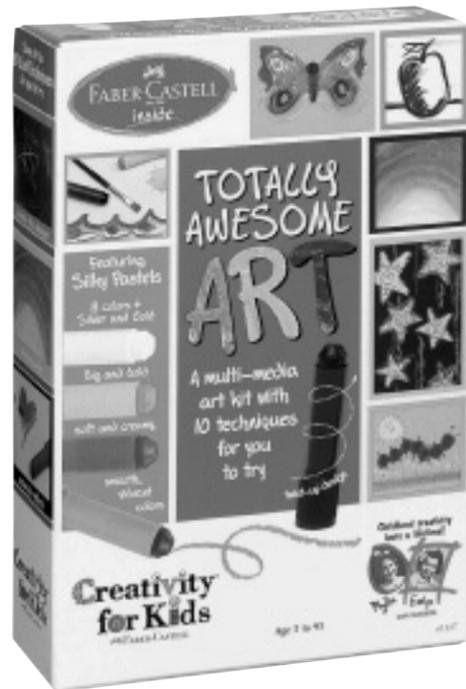


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A Note to Parents

From crayon scribbles to stick figures, children develop an interest in writing long before they learn how to read. Create Your Own Books is designed to foster the love of reading and writing in young children. Remember, correct letter formation, neatness and spelling are skills that develop over time. Encourage your children's early writing attempts. Praise them for their efforts and respond to their ideas and illustrations. Children who are encouraged to scribble and experiment with words learn to write with greater ease and confidence once they enter school.

Depending on the age, skill level and experience, your child may be ready for greater writing challenges. We have included a few ideas to help them on their way.

Grab Your Pencil and Let's Brainstorm!

Decide what you would like to write about. Your books can be about anything you are interested in - action, adventure, poetry, pets, the alphabet, numbers, fairy tales, all about me, 100 days of school, art, sports, dance, family, friends, birthdays, holidays, special celebrations, vacations. Think of all the possibilities!

WARNING:
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Not for children under 3 years.

Rough Draft

You may want to write your ideas down on a piece of paper first. This is called a rough draft. When you are finished, you can write the final copy inside your books.

While you are writing, remember this secret code - "Five W's and an H" This code stands for **Who? What? When? Where? Why?** and **How?** A good story answers these important questions.

Here are some other important elements to keep in mind:

Characters - Who is your story about? **Setting** - Where does your story take place? **Plot** - What is your story about? **Climax** - What is the excitement or action part of your story? **Resolution** - How does your story end?

Word Bank

Sometimes spelling new words can be hard. Ask an adult or older friend to help you create a word bank. A word bank is a list of words you want to use when you write. It's like having your own personal dictionary.

My Word Bank

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Story Starter

Need an idea for a silly story? Here are some fun ideas for you to think about. You can use one of these or dream up your own.

What if...

- Clouds were made of marshmallows...
- I planted some magic beans...
- I had a dinosaur for a pet...
- I lived in a house made out of candy...
- My shoes could fly...
- My dog could talk...
- My tree house was a magic time machine...
- My baby sister ate my homework...
- A pirate ship sailed into my bathtub ...
- My bike turned into a rocket ship...
- I climbed up a rainbow...
- I found buried treasure in my sandbox...
- There was a secret cave under my bed...
- My teacher was an alien from outer space...
- It rained melted chocolate...

Photo Book - It's all about me

The smaller book includes a window. You can write a story about yourself, a friend, a family member or a favorite pet. Place your photograph, drawing, or a picture of your main character in the back of the book. Center the picture so it shows through the pages of your book. Use the stickers to embellish your photo. Finish the illustrations using your Faber-Castell colored pencils.

About the Author

Be sure to write your name and date inside your book or on the author sticker. You may want to dedicate your book and write a little message to someone special.

When your books are complete be sure to share them with your family and friends. **Congratulations!**

