

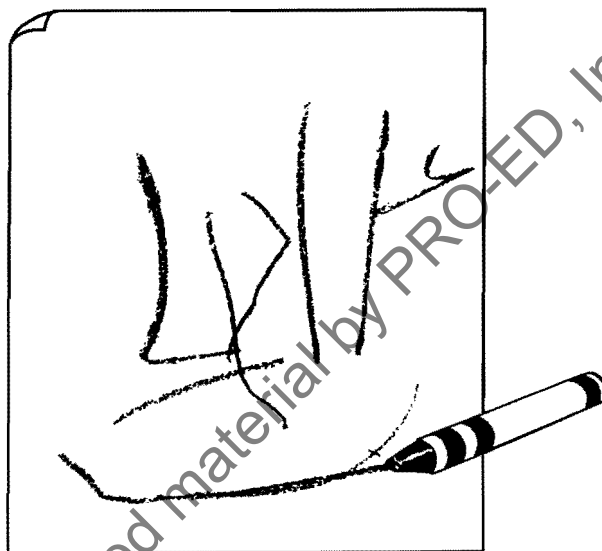
# Imitates Drawing

## Desired Movement:

After watching you draw lines on a piece of paper, your toddler will attempt to draw lines on the paper.

## How Does This Movement Help Your Child?

- Promotes eye-hand coordination
- Becomes a precursor to handwriting
- Promotes fine motor coordination
- Increases grasping patterns: using different ways to grab and hold an object



## How to Incorporate This Movement Into Your Daily Routine:

- Sit at a table with your toddler on your lap. Have her hold a washable crayon or marker. Hold her hand and assist her in drawing lines and circles on a piece of paper.
- Have your toddler draw on your sidewalk or driveway with sidewalk chalk.
- When sitting in her highchair, place a piece of paper on the tray, and encourage your toddler to draw on it using a washable crayon or marker.
- Play with paint and paint brushes on paper either at a table or at an easel.

## What to Expect Next:

Your toddler will confine her drawing only to the paper and not draw on the surrounding surface area.

**\*For your child's safety, provide close supervision for all exercises and activities.**  
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