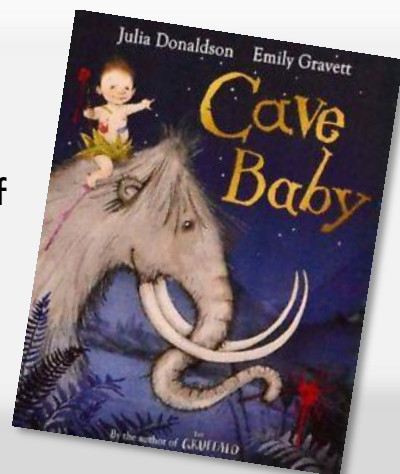


# Mark Making for Toddlers

Mark making is an important early step in a child's development for coordination, creativity and writing. Here is an idea to try out with babies and toddlers.

## **Cave Baby** by Julia Donaldson & Emily Gravett

We took inspiration from the picture book 'Cave Baby'. If you have a copy you could read it with your little one, or if not there are many readings on You Tube like [this one](#) by Emily Gravett. You can also listen to the [Cave Baby Song](#) performed by Julia Donaldson.



## **Investigate and Create**

We collected items from around our home that could be used as brushes or stamps. Almost anything can be used for mark making, just make sure it is clean and safe for your baby or toddler to use. And don't forget the greatest mark making tools of all – fingers!

Let your child investigate and experiment with making marks. Some children will get stuck right in and others might need you to help them along and show them how much fun can be had. Don't worry about the end result – it's all about the process!

The more often you do creative arts with your child, the more they will want to take part. The first few times might not go very well but don't give up. Just try again another time!

You can see a short video of us having a go on our [Facebook page](#).

