

## Set up a 'Creation Station'

**Outcome:** This activity supports children in developing social skills such as taking turns, cooperating, negotiating, communicating back and forth, and identifying feelings.

**Materials Needed:** Loose parts—corks, lids, pebbles, sticks, boxes, q-tips, pom-poms, spools, shells, scissors, glue, playdough, paint brushes, paper (newspaper, magazines, or construction paper).

### How:

Provide a variety of creative materials and give children the freedom to explore and create together.

- Place materials and items to create with on a tabletop or on the floor where everyone can be invited to get creative.
- Encourage children to explore and use whatever materials they like to develop their creations.
- Invite conversation by asking your child how different materials feel or by naming and noticing similarities and differences between each creation. For example: "Wow! I see you have a lot of green items and your brother has a lot of blue items."