- Encourage children to examine possibilities, think about options, and solve problems in creative ways.
- Encourage children to take risks and make mistakes.
- Support growth by providing idea options for the child to consider.
- Provide children with opportunities to observe, explore, and experience aspects of other cultures relative to their life experiences.
- Display children's artwork at their eye level, in an aesthetically pleasing format.
- Offer art experiences in both the indoor and outdoor play environments.
- Provide children with an array of materials and choices for exploration to trigger curiosity.
- Display and organize the materials in ways to trigger curiosity.

**Provocative Items to Trigger Curiosity**

- An art treasure box filled with recycled materials
- Various types, shapes, and sizes of paper
- Paint brushes of various sizes, pallets, rollers, and trays
- Magnifying glasses, cameras and items of beauty from nature such as flowers and fruit
- Sequence from simple to complex
- Large paint brushes introduced before smaller brushes
- Clean easels, paint brushes, and paint containers daily
- Strategically add new provocative items to continue to trigger curiosity

**Ways to Display Items to Trigger Curiosity**

- Sort materials such as crayons, markers and paper by colour
- At a child's level on moveable shelves

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Children flourish in environments that provide them with opportunities to engage in art experiences that are aesthetically designed open-ended encounters. Children also benefit when their teachers engage in observations, reflection, and dialogue about art. This will support the children in their construction of art-based knowledge. Children will pay attention to their art and think critically about elements of art and design when their teachers ask questions that lead to dialogue.