



# Little Artists

ST. PAUL'S CHILDHOOD CENTER ARTS PROGRAMMING UPDATE

## Fiber arts in the studio!

Winter has arrived (a little early, but that's Minnesota) and on December 8<sup>th</sup>, we will officially be re-starting up the Little Artists program with some warm and fuzzy projects- literally! The preschool rooms as well as the older toddler room will be learning about sewing, weaving, and felting processes while exploring color, texture, design, and structure through a variety of soft materials.

Our infants and young toddlers will experience some fun sensory play with a variety of fiber material, and even do some felting of their own!

Using fiber as an art medium has always given me the tactile diversity in my work that paint or pencil couldn't do. I'm excited to share some of my most inspiring artists (Kiki Smith, Jenny Hart, Knitta, and Stephanie Syjuco to name a few), and enjoy the often meditative quality of processes as we create our own work in the studio and classroom! Feel free to contact me with any questions or feedback along the way- I can't wait to get started! -Elysia

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### Did you know?

Cashmere comes from the under coat of a Kashmir goat, and is about 8 times warmer than wool!

The oldest known fiber used by humans is flax, (an archeologist team recently discovered a 34,000 year old sample!) which was likely used to sew animal hides together.

### Explore fiber at home!

Test out this recipe for dryer lint air-dry clay!

- 3 c. Dryer lint
- 2 c. Water
- 2/3 c. Flour

Add water to lint in a pot, heat to steaming and mix flour in. Stir constantly over low heat until it forms peaks, let cool on wax paper, and sculpt away! Let air dry to harden- great for sculptures or beads, add paint for color when it's dry! Any extra will keep in air tight container for a few days.



## UPCOMING SHOWS AROUND THE TWIN CITIES

**NOV 20-22:** Support student artists at the **Minneapolis College of Art and Design** Art Sale. You might find a unique gift for the hard to shop for! (2501 Stevens Ave, Minneapolis)

**SEP 30- NOV 30:** Fellowship award winners featuring Minnesota book artists at the **Minnesota Center for Book Arts**. Work features out of the box ideas for books and mixed media work. (1011 S Washington Ave, Minneapolis)

**NOV 13-JAN 2:** Jerome Fiber Artist Exhibition on display at **Concordia University's Concordia Gallery** in collaboration with the Textile Center of Minnesota. (Concordia Art Center 1301 Marshall Ave, St. Paul)

*\*See some work inspiring our upcoming fiber curriculum and processes at SPCC!*

**OCT 24-JAN 4:** Share a passion for dress up? Check out the "Italian Style" exhibition at **The Minneapolis Institute of Art**, featuring famed fashion from 1945 to today. Children under 6 are free, adult admission is \$20. Free admission until 10 am on Black Friday! (2400 3rd Ave S, Minneapolis)

**DEC 17:** Check out art projects that have used *fire* in the process of making it (blown glass, metal, encaustic, etc!) at the **Chicago Avenue Fire Arts Center** Open (HOT) House from 6:30-9. (3749 Chicago Ave S, Minneapolis)







# Getting the most from our research analysis

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