Active with AAC

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Arts & Crafts

There is always a fun craft to make any time of the year! Painting, paper crafts, or seasonally themed crafts are always fun, engaging, and relevant. Make sure you model and talk using the AAC device throughout your crafting! But, most importantly have fun being creative.

Core Words

Do	I
Help	You
Like	Mine
Look	Here
Make	There
Need	That
Put	Those
Turn	Pretty
Want	Cool

Materials

Craft materials:	You
crayons,	AAC User
markers, glue,	AAC Device
scissors, paper,	
etc.	

Model It on the AAC System

Modeling on your child's AAC system is just "talking" using his/her language! When you say a word with your voice, also say it using your child's voice. Take time to learn about the organization of your child's language. Use Word Finder, a helpful tool, to remember where to find words.

Reasons to Communicate	One Word	Two Words	Three(+) Words
Getting Wants/Needs Met (*requesting objects/ activities/permission/ attention, etc. directing action/to stop, request help*)	Want Need Make Put Help That Colors Shapes	You do I put I want I make Need help Put that Want + color Put here	I put it on Put it there Put it under Put those here I need that one I want+color/shape I need more Can you help me?
Exchange Information (*share and show objects, confirm/deny, request information, etc.*)	I You Need Like Put That There Want Over Under Those	Put here? I put I like You like? What need? What think? Put there Put under Like there I make Like those	Put it here? I like it Do you like it? What do you need? What do you think? Put it under that I like it there I make this one I like those I don't like that Look at mine
Social Closeness/Etiquette (*greet, take turns, comment, etc.*)	I You More Again Like Pretty Awesome Uh-oh Cool	I like I do You do My turn I put Like that That pretty That cool Don't like	I like it I do it It's my turn I put it on there That is pretty I don't like that It looks great! That is cool! I don't like it

Tips to Engage, Expand, and Succeed:

- It's time to get creative! Remember when creating your masterpiece, there is a lot of language happening. You are thinking about what to make, you are talking about the color choices, and you are probably commenting on your work as you go! All these things are perfect to model on the AAC device. Keep your language natural!
- Crafts can be a great time to focus on different categories of core words. Here are some categories and words you may want to focus on:
  - Prepositions: **on, under, over, under, on, in, up, down**
  - Adverbs: **there, here**
  - Determiners: **that, this, those**
  - Colors and Shapes
- Don't forget to talk about your thoughts and opinions as you craft. Some things you might say: **I think it needs** X, **I like it like this**, **I think**…, **What do you think**?
- Don't force the craft or make it too structured. The AAC user shouldn't need to ask for every crayon or color for every step. Structuring the task this way makes
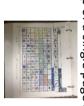
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Find Word

For Minspeak Vocabularies
(Unity, LAMP WFL)

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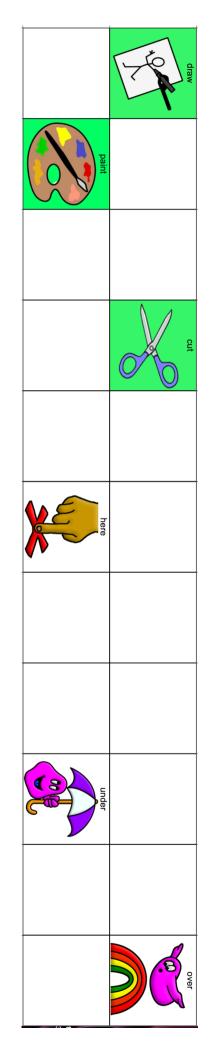
The following strips can be used as choice boards or fringe vocabulary for the above activity. If you are using this as fringe vocabulary, you will need one of our lite-tech flip books or a single page communication board. These boards are available on our website. Download the boards here. You can add these strips to a flip book. Or, you can Velcro these to the top of a single page lite-tech core word board.

You can add this strip to a LAMP WFL, Unity 84, Unity 60 lite-tech system.

draw	paint		cut		here		under		over

You can add this strip to Unity 28 lite-tech system.

draw	cut	color			on	under	over
paint							

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The following strips can be used as choice boards or fringe vocabulary for the above activity. If you are using this as fringe vocabulary, you will need one of our lite-tech flip books or a single page communication board. These boards are available on our website. Downlo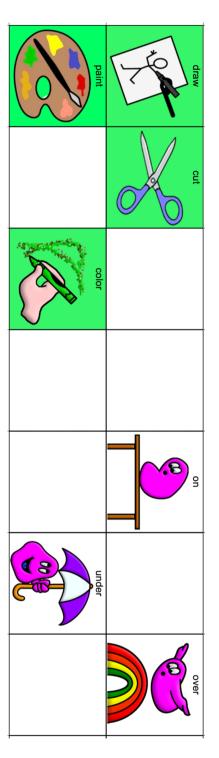ad the boards here. You can add these strips to a flip book. Or, you can Velcro these to the top of a single page lite-tech core word board.

You can add this strip to the WordPower 60 Basic Flip Book to the GROUPS tab.

color	cut	draw	paint						over	under

You can add this strip to the WordPower42 Basic Flip Book to the GROUPS tab.

color	cut	draw	paint				over	under