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How To React To Your Child’s Creations

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Here are a few tips to make sure you’re being supportive and empowering:

- Let her be. It’s tempting to help, but let her find her own way, and wait for her to ask you for help or guidance.
- Talk things out. Let your child explain her work and listen closely to what she has to say. This allows her to articulate her artistic thinking and process.
- Let her teach you. Ask her to teach you about her skills. Teaching is a great way to reinforce learning and mastering a skill.
- Appreciate the effort. Not everything she does is going to be a masterpiece, but it is the effort put into the work that really matters. Remember that not all kids are gifted in the arts, but practice makes perfect.
- Show it off. Let her show off work that she is particularly proud of. Let her show it to family members and friends. This will reinforce her self-esteem.
- Be kind. She has put a lot of effort into her work, so take the time to encourage her and appreciate her creation.

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