# Little SPARK: Simple Play Adaptations to Reference for Kids

## Crayon Rocks

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| **Description:** | **Image:** |
| These safe, all-natural crayons are made of soybean wax tinted with natural mineral powders. Packed in a drawstring bag, this set contains 16 vibrantly colored crayons.  [Purchasing Information](https://therapyshoppe.com/specials/P2261-crayon-rocks-learning-to-color-special-needs-writing-skills-tool-pencil-grip-fidget) | Sixteen oval rock shaped crayons scattered around a drawstring bag. |

**Who Might Benefit?**

Those who demonstrate motor challenges and can’t hold a writing/drawing tool in the typical way.

**Why Use?**

The stone-shaped crayons provide an opportunity to develop and strengthen grasp, draw, color, and create original artwork.

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| Instructions for Use: | Adaptation Ideas: |
| **Environmental Considerations**   * Use in any environment with a hard surface to support the writing or drawing material.   **Positioning & Alternate Positioning**   * Use in any position; seated, standing, on the floor, with a slanted surface, on an easel/wall.   **Basic Play/Use 🡪 Extended Play/Use**   * Copy, draw, and create 🡪 Sort, match, and identify colors.   **Play/Use with Others**   * Shared drawing, coloring, copy (i.e. “I draw, you draw”). | **Simplify It**   * Offer fewer color choices.   **Contain It**   * Place paper and crayons on cookie sheet or tray so that crayons remain close to the drawing activity.   **Add Sensory Cues**   * Draw on paper on top of a sheet of sandpaper for sensory feedback.   **Communication Supports**   * Visual supports like communication cards and social narratives can help a child communicate their feelings.   **Alternative Uses**   * Create a color matching game- crayon rocks to color picture cards or color words. |

### Words to Encourage Play/Use

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| **Blue**  blue color swatch | **Red**red color swatch | **Yellowyellow color swatch** |
| **Green**green color swatch | **Orange**orange color swatch | **Purplepurple color swatch** |
| **Blackblack color swatch** | **DrawA hand holding a yellow pencil drawing lines on a piece of paper.** | **Paper**A construction paper pad with one light blue sheet detached. |

\*”Adaptations” adapted from: Haugen’s Modes for Adapting Toys based on materials from the "Let's Play" Project at the University of Buffalo

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