# 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.
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### 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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