Creative Manuscript Writing

Learning to write the letters of the alphabet creatively. You can use the suggestions below for coloring the letters on the sheets provided here, or come up with your own color scheme.

Trace with a pencil.

Trace with a yellow crayon or marker.

Trace with a red crayon or marker.

Trace with a blue crayon or marker.

Trace with a green crayon or marker.

Trace with orange crayon or marker.

Trace with a yellow crayon or marker.

Other ways to learn the letters of the alphabet creatively:

Get a stack of white paper, you may use heavy weight paper, if you'd like. In pencil write very clear, neat, large each upper and lower case letter of the alphabet on a sheet of paper. You can do each of the letter(s) that you are teaching that day, or you may plan to do them all together in advance of your lessons. If you are teaching the letter A, you would write A a on several sheets of paper, and use the suggestions below to help your child learn the upper and lower case letter form.

1) *Have your child use colored glue to trace each of the letters.

2) */**Have your child use colored macaroni to trace each of the letters.

3) */**Have your child use colored rice to trace each of the letters.

4) */**Have your child use colored corn meal to trace each of the letters.

5) */**Have your child use colored sand to trace each of the letters.

6) **Have your child use buttons, beads, dried beans, yarn, or other craft items to trace each of the letters.

7) Have your child trace the letters with their finger and then use their finger to write it in sand (use plain or colored sand). You could also use rice, or corn meal.
8) Have your child trace the letters with their finger and then use their finger to write it in the air.

9) Reuse items around the house like buttons, large beads, dried beans to write the letter(s) on a table.

10) Make letters into bead letters, by drawing circles on them. First draw your letter(s) on paper with pen or pencil. On this outline draw circles. Circles should be drawn on the entire outline of the letter. They should be touching side by side. The child will color all the beads on the outline. When finished they will have some very fancy letters. You may want to write their name on a large sheet of paper, draw the circles (beads) for them, and let them creatively color them. They can proudly display their bead names on their bedroom doors. (You can also use any and all the methods here for teaching them to write their names; as well as, other words that you teach them).

11) Teach the sign language alphabet while teaching the letters, and you can use the sign language to aid your children in learning to spell.

* Directions for making these are below:

Colored Glue-
Purchase inexpensive school glue from a dollar or department store. Put 5 to 12 drops of food coloring in each bottle. The more you put in the darker the color will be. By putting in less the color will be lighter. Make other colors by combining the primary colors. It's not usually a good idea to put more than 12 drops in the glue, as it will become too dark. Be careful when combining colors; you might need fewer drops of one color and more of another.

Yellow + Blue = Green
Blue + Red = Purple
Yellow + Red = Orange

Close the glue bottle tightly and place on a counter or windowsill where it's sunny and warm. The molecular action will spread the food coloring throughout the glue and you will be ready to make lots of neat things with your colored glue usually within 24 hours.

Colored Macaroni-

Pour 1/4 cup of alcohol in a plastic bag, add your food coloring (add drops to achieve the richness of color desired), then add the desired amount of macaroni (10 to 12 ounces or so). If you’d like to make lots more, just add more alcohol and food coloring. If you want to make less, just add less alcohol and food coloring. Shake until mixed well, then pour the macaroni out onto newspaper. As with the colored glue you can make other colors by combining the primary colors. Due to the alcohol ingredient, you will need to make sure that your children do not put any into their mouths.

Colored Rice-

Follow the same instructions as the colored macaroni; however, just add white rice.

Colored Corn Meal-
Follow the same instructions as the colored macaroni; however, just add corn meal.

Colored Sand-

Follow the same instructions as the colored macaroni; however, just add sand.

**Have the child outline the letter in glue, to hold the item that will trace the letters. Assist them with the glue if needed.