



Froebel's Occupations have parallels in the 'workshop area' of today. They cover activities such as exploring clay, woodwork, collage, cooking, sewing, parquetry, drawing, painting and building with construction kits. More specifically, they relate to explorations of shapes (3D and 2D), lines and points, through open-ended resources.

Through the Occupations children can:

- represent, be inventive and creative
- build their physical competences
- develop knowledge and understanding by making links to everyday life and nature
- be empowered to move from the concrete to the abstract (so laying the foundations of literacy and mathematics)
- develop attitudes that will benefit them in the adult world of work.

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