

Fine Motor Milestones for the Typical Developing Child

	1-2 Years	2-3 Years	3-4 Years	4-5 Years	5 Years
Drawing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scribbles with crayons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scribbles spontaneously 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holds a crayon well • Makes vertical, horizontal and circular strokes with pencil or crayon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draws circles and squares • Copies square shapes • Draws a person with two to four body parts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copies triangle and other geometric patterns • Draws person with body
Writing			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holds a pencil in writing position 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begins to copy some capital letters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prints some letters
Cutting				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses scissors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cuts on a line
Books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turns pages in a book 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turns book pages one at a time 		
Toys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Likes to pull, push, and dump things 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turns over container to pour out contents • Operates a mechanical toy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turns rotating handles • Screws and unscrews jar lids, nuts and bolts 		
Dressing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pulls off hat, socks, and mittens 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Puts arms in sleeves with help 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dresses self with help • Puts on shoes (but not tie laces) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dresses and undresses without assistance • May be able to tie shoelaces
Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stacks 2 blocks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Builds tower of three-four blocks or more 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Builds a tower of more than six blocks 		
Feeding		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drinks from a straw • Feeds self with a spoon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holds a glass in one hand • Feeds self (with some spilling) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses fork, spoon and (sometimes) a table knife
Washing Hands		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helps in washing hands 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washes and dries hands by self 		
Toiletting			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses the toilet with some help 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Usually cares for own toilet needs

Other		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opens cabinets, drawers, boxes 			
		<p>**Might use one hand more frequently than the other</p>			