The Experiential Colour Workshop for Babies - info for parents

Pori Centre for Children’s Culture - The Network of Children’s Culture in Satakunta
The Experiential Colour Workshops
WORKSHOPS AND AGE GROUPS

In spring and autumn:

Weekly workshops:
For 4–11 months old
For 12–23 months old
For 2–3 years old

Year-round:

Weekend workshops:
For 4–11 months old
For 12–23 months old
For 2–3 years old
For 4–5 years old

Summer season:
The Experiential Colour Workshop Fridays are held alongside the Experiential Colour Workshop Saturdays during the summer season.

Workshop durations:
The Experiential Colour Workshop for Babies 45 minutes.
The Experiential Colour Workshop for Toddlers and Kids 1h 15 minutes.

Starting age and participation age

4–11 months old: Baby should be able to support their head well before starting the workshops.

12–23 months old and 2–3 years old: The age group is chosen based on the age the child will be at the start of the workshop season.

The Experiential Colour Workshop Fridays and the Experiential Colour Workshop Saturdays: The age group is chosen based on the age the child will be when participating in the workshops.

Prices

The Experiential Colour Workshops for Babies 4–11 months old & 12–23 months old:
50 € / season + 25 € / sibling

The Experiential Colour Workshop for Toddlers 2–3 years old:
55 € / season + 27,5 € / sibling
SAFETY AND PARENT’S RESPONSIBILITY

Adult must concentrate on their child and the following of the rules during the whole workshop, to keep the baby in the center of activity. Interaction between adults, that does not relate to the workshops, should also take place either before or after the workshop. Workshop sessions are began as a group, the continuation and finishing of working depends on the child.

Insurances
Workshop participants are not to insured by the city of Pori. Parents are responsible for their children in the workshop and in the museum area.

Materials
Materials and food-based products that are found safe, are used in the workshops. The idea however is not to eat the products. Please keep in mind that the painting substances, other materials and water spilled on the floor can be really slippery.

Allergies
Allergies and other hypersensitivities of the child must be informed when signing up to the workshop. If you suspect an allergic reaction after the workshop, contact child health clinic or a doctor immediately and inform the workshop mentor also. Even the most familiar materials can cause an allergic reaction.

Exhibition area and the artwork
Touching the artwork is usually prohibited. Artworks can be fragile or even dangerous when handled wrong. Any rampaging in the exhibition space is also not allowed.

Photographing and cellphones
• Photographing and recording is allowed only when there’s more than one adult with the child.
• Talking on the phone during the workshop is not allowed and cellphones should be kept on silent mode.

Documentation of the workshop sessions and photo licence
• Pori Centre for Children’s Culture documents the Experiential Colour Workshops for education, informing, filing and exhibition purposes. Reporters and students can sometimes visit the workshops.
• All participants will sign a photography permission at the start of the workshop season.

BASIC RULES

Clothing and other equipment
• Child should wear a onesie, jumpsuit or a t-shirt and a diaper that leaves feet and hands bare.
• Take a towel with you!
• Parent should also wear clothing that can get dirty / have a change of clothes with them.

Strollers
Art Museum’s staff in the downstairs lobby will inform you of the place to leave your strollers at.

Eating and hygiene
• Eating inside the workshop area is not recommended because of hygiene and safety reasons.
• Breastfeeding is allowed!
• No shoes inside the workshop area!
• Workshop sinks are reserved for washing up and diapers are left into the diaper bin. Dirty working clothes can be left into the workshop laundry basket.

Siblings
• Siblings that are under school-age, can take part in the workshops, so that they get their own (same) materials as the participating baby. Sibling fee is charged.
• School-aged siblings can attend the workshop as an adult: they will not get the materials nor will the sibling fee be charged.
• Siblings under the age of two, can not participate in the toddlers/kids workshops because of the longer duration and materials used. Baby-aged siblings are however welcome to attend the workshops and follow the course of the session, only if there’s another adult with them.
• Maximum three siblings can take part in one workshop all at once. To avoid any incidents, parents should advise the bigger children to watch out near the smaller participants.

Artworks
Artworks are handed out in the middle / at the end of the workshop season.

Artworks from the Experiential Colour Workshop Saturdays and Summer-Fridays must be collected from the Art Museum’s lobby within next week. Un-reclaimed pieces will not be stored up.
**CHARGING CUSTOMS**

**Billing system**
You can find the current info on pricing at varikylpy.fi.

People participating in the weekly-workshops will receive a bill by mail at the end of the workshop season. Parents will also sign a billing contract at the beginning of the workshop season.

The fee of the Experiential Colour Workshop Saturdays and Summer-Fridays is paid (by cash or by card) and signed before the workshop to the Art Museums register in the downstairs lobby.

**Absences and cancellations**
- Absences and cancellations of workshops must always be informed to the workshop mentor beforehand.
- Illness and other reasons for absence will not be compensated nor will the paid workshop fees be returned.

**Weekly-workshops:**
- Enrollment can be cancelled before the first workshop session, in which case the fee won’t be charged.
- If the participation is cancelled at the half way of the season at the latest, half of the season fee will be charged, regardless of how many times the family has taken part in the workshops.
- If the family has not taken part in any of the workshops by the half way of the workshop season, workshop spot will be cancelled and half of the workshop season fee will be charged.
- Families that begin the workshops after the half way of the season, will pay half of the season fee.

**The Experiential Colour Workshop Saturdays and Summer-Fridays:**
- If the workshop spot is cancelled, the cancellation must be informed to the workshop mentor immediately, so that they can give the spot to the next child in line.
- All the workshop spots that are not cancelled beforehand, will be charged.

**Payment exemption**
Families can apply for payment exemption on the ground of financial situation with a statement from Pori Social and Health Services. Applying for payment exemption is marked on the billing contract that is given in the first workshop session.

**Don’t be afraid to ask for help or advice when needed!**
TIPS TO CONSIDER

• A well-fed and rested child will have the energy to become inspired of the activities experienced in the workshops.
• The size, age, temperament and the development of the child affects on their participation and endurance in the workshops.
• The time of the day and the physical health of the child plays a factor in the child’s activity.
• Regard all the offered products as working materials and examine them together with your child.
• If your baby keeps eating the materials, you can ask the mentor to give you less next time. You can also hide some of the materials behind your back or discard them completely.
• Babies explore the world through their mouths. Many children continue to explore things through taste long after getting bigger.
• It’s not mandatory for the baby to participate all of the time, they can just watch, follow and simply be.
• Spread moisturizer on your baby’s skin before the workshop. That way the colours won’t stick on their skin.
• Try a baby carrier on museum tours and feel free to explore the exhibition space with your child.
• After learning to walk, the new skill, unfamiliar space and other workshop participants might interest the child more than staying still and painting.
• Interaction between other babies is normal; it’s okay to move and paint on someone else’s area.

THE EXPERIENTIAL COLOUR WORKSHOP FOR BABIES – A JOURNEY TO A MULTISENSUAL AND MEMORABLE WORLD FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

The Experiential Colour Workshop for Babies is a form of fine art activity in a workshop where babies, together with their parents, produce a visual expression by using different kinds of materials and touching pigments and substances used for painting. The basic activity principles are based on the multisensorial experientiality and experimentality of colours and materials, a way of working interactively, being in the moment and actor-focusedness.

The Experiential Colour Workshop for Babies offers the possibility of multifaceted interaction between a baby and an adult. It’s about an event where something is being done together, with the focus being put on the baby. The workshops proceed from exploring and observing of colours and light, to self-producing material. In addition to the world of shapes and materials, the families will be introduced to the exhibitions of Pori Art Museum.

The Experiential Colour Workshop for Babies is developed in collaboration with the executive director of Pori Centre for Children’s Culture, Päivi Setälä and the workshop mentors. Through the Pori Centre for Children’s Culture, the Experiential Colour Workshop activity has spread all through Finland and abroad.

Workshops are held by a mentor, who has completed the Experiential Colour Workshop for Babies -mentor-training of Pori Centre for Children’s Culture, and who has an appropriate education.

Pori Centre for Children’s Culture began the Experiential Colour Workshops for Babies in 2003, in collaboration with Pori Art Museum.