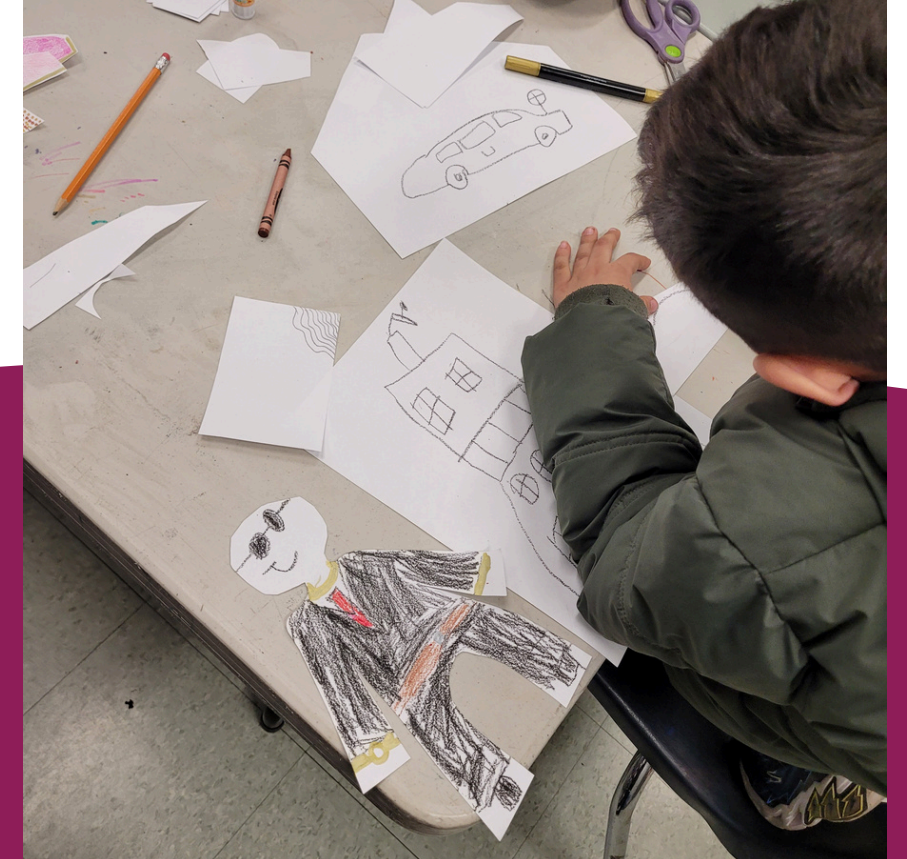
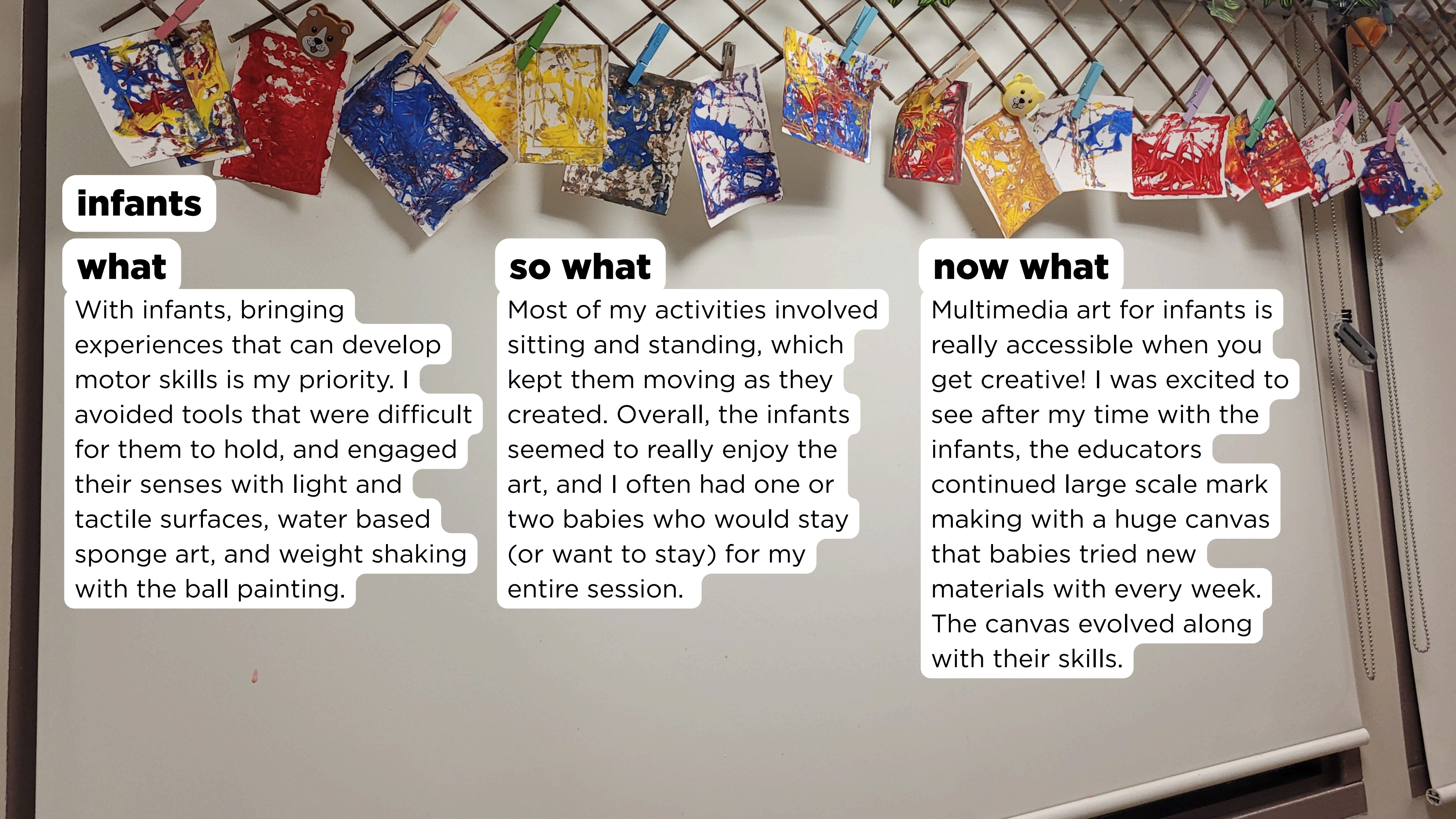


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infants

what

With infants, bringing experiences that can develop motor skills is my priority. I avoided tools that were difficult for them to hold, and engaged their senses with light and tactile surfaces, water based sponge art, and weight shaking with the ball painting.

so what

Most of my activities involved sitting and standing, which kept them moving as they created. Overall, the infants seemed to really enjoy the art, and I often had one or two babies who would stay (or want to stay) for my entire session.

now what

Multimedia art for infants is really accessible when you get creative! I was excited to see after my time with the infants, the educators continued large scale mark making with a huge canvas that babies tried new materials with every week. The canvas evolved along with their skills.



cellophane texture art



bleeding tissue + sponges



kinetic ball painting



toddler one

what

This toddler group was always eager to make art. I brought in two large scale activities to follow their interest in creating together, and then culinary art based off of an Occupational Therapist's toolkit to develop fine motor skills.

so what

During each activity, the children really helped each other through the processes- sharing the droppers for the first week, tracing mine and each other's hands in the second, and helping me thread pipe cleaners by holding them for me. Art can be seen as solitary, when in reality it's a really connecting experience.

now what

Now that they have an expanded artistic vocabulary, I hope the children continue to create in their classrooms! Educators mentioned that the bleeding tissue was a great tool to have.





tissue, dropper,
and sponge art



large scale crayon art



edible cereal sculptures



toddler two

what

Working with Springtime weather and outdoor spaces brings new joy to toddler art. Large scale weaving was a definite success, and I wanted to work with the rain by bringing bleeding tissue and spray bottles- this one was a bit more of an experiment. Play dough printing uses the environment as a tool to create new textures, and the toddler's enthusiasm and curiosity for each process was inspiring and joyful.

so what

This group was really interested in naming colours and independent discovery. I had a strong focus on texture with my programming, and I was glad to see them begin to show an interest in this second dimension outside of the colour naming. These projects tended to have multiple steps, so it was rewarding for the children to discover the results of their work with enough dedication.

now what

Throughout my time with Toddler Two, the weaving art we did on the first week remained as a reminder of the first week's spirit of discovery and play. Alejandra was really committed to keeping their art to display and document, and the children were always incredibly eager to experiment.



large scale weaving



spray + bleeding tissue



playdough printing



after school

what

The after school group here benefits greatly from art that's expressive and novel, which led to an organic interest in printmaking and foil based art. Process art leads to strong ownership over artwork- children almost always opted to keep their work as opposed to leave it for a gallery.

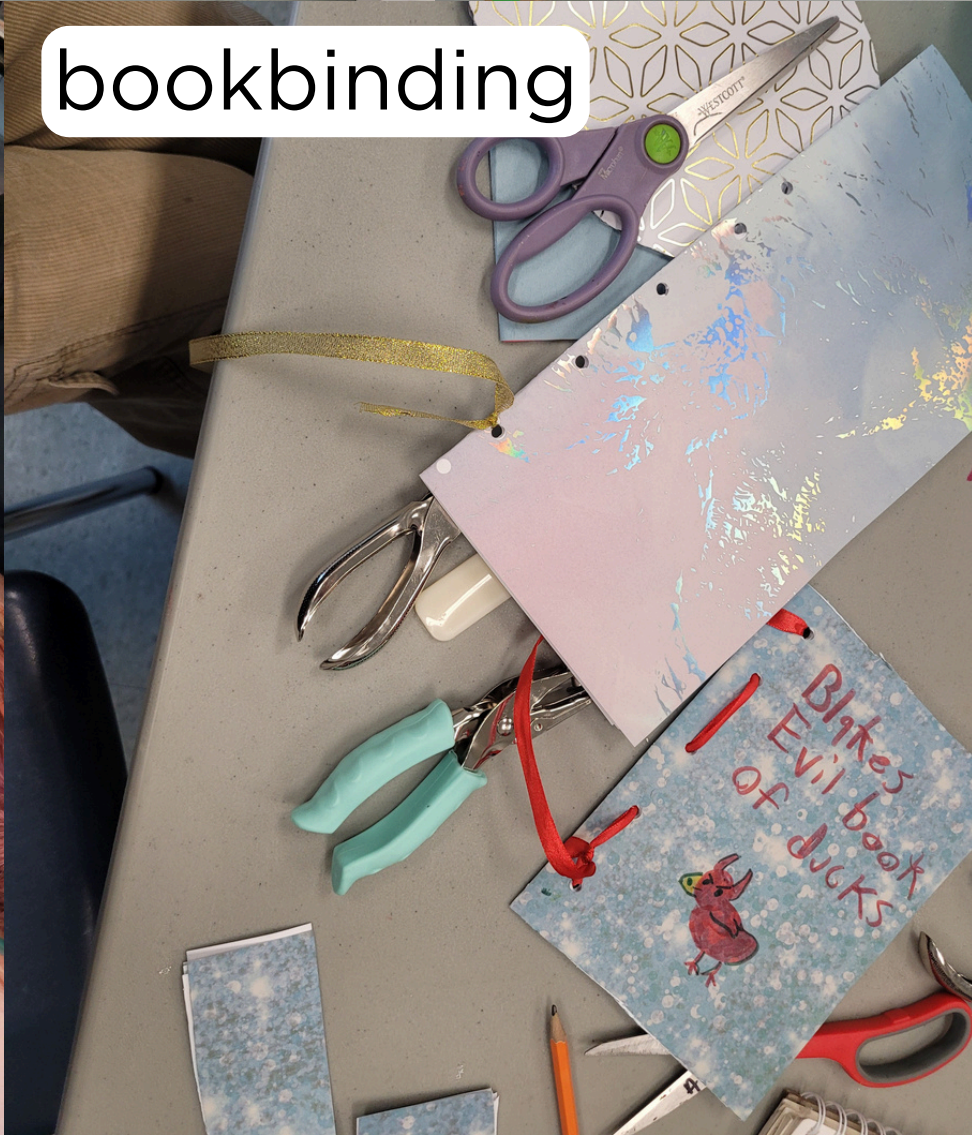
Working closely with Pardis and Harrison over my time was so fun, they're both so kind and caring and passionate about art.

so what

Creating a calmer space to focus and create art away from screens led to reflective sessions and honest conversation. Participants had a space to freely speak their mind and created art about causes that spoke to them as well as art inspired by their favourite media. A highlight was running a community collage mural workshop during their Open Dinner- the pieces were later used to create paintings at an Art Camp.

now what

Being apart of the BGC for a few years has taught me so much about connection and community. There's a strong commitment here to keeping arts accessible, and the children who take part in the arts end up making new friends, strengthening their voices, and understanding they're capable of far more than they realize.



banner painting

collage mural

sticker making

transparent art

bookbinding



cyanotype



reflective fashions



foil printing



styrofoam printing
+ spray art

