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the free encyclopedia that anyone can edit. 117,922 active editors 6,998,734 articles in English An RATP Group electric Heuliez Bus shuttles athletes from the Olympic Village. Transportation during the 2024 Summer Olympics and Paralympics constituted a major challenge for the organisers due to the scale of the event. Over €500 million was invested in improvements to transportation infrastructure for the games. A mobile app was developed to facilitate travel by offering a route calculator, and 5,000 agents were deployed at stations and bus stops to assist travellers. A goal of Paris 2024 was to halve the average carbon footprint of the London 2012 and Rio 2016 games. The organisers estimated that more than a third of the greenhouse gas emissions would be from the transport of athletes and spectators. All venues were made accessible by public transport and bicycle, with 415 kilometres (258 mi) of cycle paths created to link the venues and 27,000 bicycle racks installed. 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For the ceremony held in 1995, see 67th Academy Awards. For the ceremony for films released in 1995, see 87th Academy Awards. 95th Academy Awards Official posterDateMarch 12, 2023SiteDolby TheatreHollywood, Los Angeles, California, U.S.Hosted byJimmy KimmelFreshhost shows Ashley Graham Vanessa Hudgens Lily Singh[1] Produced by Glenn Weiss Ricky Kirshner Directed byGlenn WeissHighlightsBest PictureEverything Everywhere All at OnceMost awardsEverything Everywhere All at Once (7)Most nominationsEverything Everywhere All at Once (11)TV in the United StatesNetworkABCDuration3 hours, 37 minutes[2]Ratings 18.75 million[3] 9.9% (Nielsen ratings) – The 95th Academy Awards ceremony, presented by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS), took place on March 12, 2023, at the Dolby Theatre in Hollywood, Los Angeles. During the gala, the AMPAS presented Academy Awards (commonly referred to as Oscars) in 23 categories honoring films released in 2022. The ceremony, televised in the United States by ABC, was produced by Glenn Weiss and Ricky Kirshner, with Weiss also serving as director. Comedian Jimmy Kimmel hosted the show for the third time, following the 89th ceremony in 2017 and the 90th ceremony in 2018.[4] In related events, the Academy held its 13th annual Governors Awards ceremony at the Fairmont Century Plaza Hotel in Century City, California, on November 19, 2022. The Academy Scientific and Technical Awards were presented by host Simu Liu on February 24, 2023, in a ceremony at the Academy Museum of Motion Pictures in Los Angeles.[5] Everything Everywhere All at Once won seven awards, including Best Picture.[6][7] Other winners included All Quiet on the Western Front with four awards, The Whale with two, and Avatar: The Way of Water, Black Panther: Wakanda Forever, Edward Berger, The Best of Enemies, Best Documentary Feature Film co-winner Kartiki Kesavale, Best Documentary Short Subject co-winner Volker Bertelmann, Best Original Score winner M. M. Keeravani, Best Original Song co-winner James Friend, Best Cinematography winner Ruth E. Carter, Best Costume Design winner Paul Rogers, Best Film Editing winner Joe Letteri, Best Visual Effects co-winner Eric Saindon, Best Visual Effects co-winner Winners are listed first, highlighted in boldface, and indicated with a double dagger (‡).[18] Best Picture Everything Everywhere All at Once – Daniel Kwan, Daniel Scheinert, and Jonathan Wang, producers† All Quiet on the Western Front - Malte Gerner, producer Avatar: The Way of Water - James Cameron and Jon Landau, producers The Banshees of Inisherin - Graham Broadbent, Peter Czernin, and Martin McDonagh, producers Elvis - Baz Luhrmann, Catherine Martin, Gai Bernan, Patrick McCormick, and Schuyler Weiss, producers The Fabulmans - Kristie Macosko Krieger, Steven Spielberg, and Tony Kushner, producers Tár - Todd Field, Alexandra Milchan, and Scott Lambert, producers Top Gun: Maverick - Tom Cruise, Christopher McQuarrie, David Ellison, and Jerry Bruckheimer, producers Triangle of Sadness - Erik Hemmendorff and Philippe Bober, producers Women Talking - Dede Gardner, Jeremy Kleiner, and Frances McDormand, producers Best Directing Daniel Kwan and Daniel Scheinert - Everything Everywhere All at Once† Marnet McDonagh - The Banshees of Inisherin Steven Spielberg - The Fabulmans Todd Field - Tár Ruben Östlund - Triangle of Sadness Best Actor in a Leading Role Brendan Fraser - The Whale as Charlie Austin Butler - Elvis as Elvis Presley Colin Farrell - The Banshees of Inisherin as Pádraic Súilleabháin Paul Mescal - Aftersun as Calum Patterson Bill Nighy - Living as Mr. Rodney Williams Best Actress in a Leading Role Michelle Yeoh - Everything Everywhere All at Once as Evelyn Quan Wangt Kate Blanchett - Tár as Lydia Tár Ana de Armas - Blonde as Norma Jeanse Andrea Riseborough - To Leslie as Leslie Rowlands Michelle Williams - The Fabulmans as Mitz Fabulman Best Actor in a Supporting Role Ke Huy Quan - Everything Everywhere All at Once as Waymond Wang† Brendan Gleeson - The Banshees of Inisherin as Colm Doherty Brian Tyree Henry - Causeway as James Aucoin Judd Hirsch - The Fabulmans as Uncle Boris Bar Keoghan - The Banshees of Inisherin as Dominic Kearney Best Actress in a Supporting Role Jamie Lee Curtis - Everything Everywhere All at Once as Deirdre Beaubien† Angela Bassett - Black Panther: Wakanda Forever as Queen Ramonda Hong Chau - The Whale as Liz Kerry Condon - The Banshees of Inisherin as Siobhán Súilleabháin Stephanie Hsu - Everything Everywhere All at Once as Joy Wang / Jobu Tupaki Best Writing (Original Screenplay) Everything Everywhere All at Once - Daniel Kwan and Daniel Scheinert† The Banshees of Inisherin - Martin McDonagh The Fabulmans - Steven Spielberg and Tony Kushner Tár - Todd Field Triangle of Sadness - Ruben Östlund Best Writing (Adapted Screenplay) Women Talking - Sarah Polley, based on the novel by Miriam Toews† All Quiet on the Western Front - Edward Berger, Lesley Paterson, and Ian Stokell; based on the novel by Erich Maria Remarque Glass Onion: A Knives Out Mystery - Rian Johnson; based on characters created by Johnson and the film Knives Out Living - Kazuo Ishiguro; based on the original motion picture screenplay Ikiru by Akira Kurosawa, Shinobu Hashimoto, and Hideo Oguni Top Gun: Maverick - Screenplay by Ehren Kruger, Eric Warren Singer, and Christopher McQuarrie; story by Peter Craig and Justin Marks; based on the film Top Gun written by Jim Cash and Jack Epps Jr. Best Animated Feature Film Guillermo del Toro's Pinocchio - Guillermo del Toro, Mark Gustafson, Gary Ungar, and Alex Bulkley† Marcel the Shell with Shoes On - Dean Fleischer Camp, Elisabeth Holm, Andrew Goldman, Caroline Kaplan, and Paul Mezey Puss in Boots: The Last Wish - Joe Crawford and Mark Swift The Sea Beast - Chris Williams and Jed Shluger Turning Red - Domee Shi and Lindsey Collins Best International Feature Film All Quiet on the Western Front (Germany) - directed by Edward Berger Argentina, 1985 (Argentina) - directed by Santiago Mitre Cote (Belgium) - directed by Lukas Dhont Eo (Poland) - directed by Jerzy Skolimowski The Quiet (Ireland) - directed by Colm Baird Best Documentary Feature Film Avatar: The Way of Water - James Cameron and Jon Landau, producers The Banshees of Inisherin - Graham Broadbent, Peter Czernin, and Martin McDonagh, producers Elvis - Baz Luhrmann, Catherine Martin, Gai Bernan, Patrick McCormick, and Schuyler Weiss, producers The Fabulmans - Kristie Macosko Krieger, Steven Spielberg, and Tony Kushner, producers Tár - Todd Field, Alexandra Milchan, and Scott Lambert, producers Top Gun: Maverick - Tom Cruise, Christopher McQuarrie, David Ellison, and Jerry Bruckheimer, producers Triangle of Sadness - Erik Hemmendorff and Philippe Bober, producers Women Talking



this transition. Understanding what’s expected can help you support your 4-year-old’s development before they enter the classroom. 1. What Kindergarten Teachers Expect Kindergarten teachers expect children to have basic fine motor skills, such as holding a pencil correctly, using scissors with control, and managing small objects independently. They also value the ability to focus on fine motor tasks for 10-15 minutes. While not expecting perfection, significant struggles may lead to challenges with everyday classroom activities. 2. Pre-writing Skills to Practice Developing writing readiness involves building fine motor skills through fun, hands-on activities. Encourage the tripod pencil grip with short crayons or pencils during drawing. Practice tracing shapes like circles and lines, which support letter formation. Strengthen hand muscles using playdough or tweezers, and improve hand-eye coordination with sticker or dot-to-dot tasks. 3. Self-help Skills Related to Fine Motor Development Kindergarten demands a level of independence that relies on fine motor skills. Tasks like buttoning jackets, using the bathroom, opening lunch containers, and organizing supplies all require coordination. When children can manage these responsibilities independently, they build confidence and are better able to focus on learning and participating in the classroom. 4. Creating a Kindergarten Readiness Plan In the months before kindergarten, build a simple daily routine that includes 10-15 minutes of fine motor practice through drawing, cutting, or small object play. Encourage independence with self-help tasks and simulate classroom routines. Focus on playful, hands-on experiences to build confidence—not academics—to support your child’s success in school. Why Do Fine Motor Skills Matter for Preschoolers? Fine motor skills are foundational for preschoolers’ success in kindergarten and beyond. These skills directly impact school readiness as they enable children to manipulate classroom tools like scissors, glue sticks, and writing implements—essential for participating in learning activities. Fine motor development supports self-care independence in daily life, allowing children to dress themselves, manage bathroom needs, and eat independently. These abilities foster confidence and reduce frustration in both home and school environments. Handwriting development depends heavily on fine motor control. Before children can form letters, they need the dexterity and hand strength that comes from activities like drawing, cutting, and manipulating small objects. As preschoolers master these skills, they gain confidence in their abilities and develop independence. This sense of accomplishment motivates them to tackle new challenges and builds the self-assurance needed for academic success. Developing fine motor skills doesn’t have to feel like work! By incorporating these engaging activities into your daily routine, you can help your 4-year-old strengthen their hand muscles, improve coordination, and build the dexterity they need for kindergarten success. 1. Tear and Paste Collages Tearing paper requires controlled finger movements and strengthens small hand muscles. Please have your child tear colored paper into shapes and glue them onto a larger sheet to create pictures. This activity builds finger strength while encouraging creativity. 2. Beading and Stringing Threading beads onto pipe cleaners, strings, or shoelaces develops precision and eye-hand coordination. Start with larger beads and gradually introduce smaller ones as your child’s skills improve. Create patterns for added cognitive benefits. 3. Finger Painting with Textures Mix materials like sand or salt into finger paint to create textured art. The resistance provided by these additives strengthens finger muscles, while the sensory experience keeps children engaged longer. 4. Playdough Obstacle Courses Create a “playdough gym” by challenging your child to roll, pinch, squeeze, and flatten dough. Add tools like plastic knives, cookie cutters, and rolling pins for varied manipulation. Try tasks like “hide five small objects in the dough for your child to find.” 5. Building Block Challenges Using smaller blocks or connecting blocks (like Legos) requires precise finger placement and control. Challenge your child to build specific structures or create designs from simple drawings. 6. Tweezer Transfer Games Use child-safe tweezers to move small objects (pompoms, beads, small erasers) between containers. Make it fun by creating a “rescue mission” narrative or timing how quickly they can transfer a specific number of items. 7. Kitchen Helper Activities Involve your child in age-appropriate cooking tasks like stirring batter, kneading dough, or using cookie cutters. Sprinkle tasks like peeling clementines or breaking apart lettuce leaves into meal preparation routines. 8. Clothespin Activities Clothespins require significant finger strength to open and close. Please have your child attach them around the edge of a container or use them to hang artwork on a display line. For added fun, paint or decorate the clothespins first. 9. Finger Puppets and Plays Finger puppets encourage individual finger movement and control. Create simple puppets from paper or old gloves and have your child manipulate them during storytelling to strengthen finger isolation. 10. Coin Sorting and Stacking Handling coins requires precise finger movements and develops the pincer grasp. Create sorting games where your child separates different coins or challenge them to build coin towers of increasing height. Fine Motor Tools and Materials for Home Create a well-rounded fine motor toolkit with these essential supplies: child-safe scissors, crayons, markers, playdough, beads, tweezers, eye droppers, and interlocking blocks. Include items like clothespins, hole punchers, and child-sized tongs. For budget-friendly alternatives, repurpose household items: use pasta for stringing, make homemade playdough, collect bottle caps for sorting, and save cardboard tubes for crafts. Rice, beans, and cotton balls are perfect materials for transfer games. Organize your toolkit in a portable container with divided sections to keep materials accessible and organized. Rotate items regularly to maintain interest and gradually introduce more challenging tools as your child’s skills progress. Supporting Fine Motor Development Daily Integrate fine motor practice naturally into everyday routines by encouraging independent dressing, self-feeding, and tooth brushing. Keep simple materials like crayons, scissors, and playdough accessible throughout your home for spontaneous use. Even routine tasks like sorting laundry, turning pages in books, or helping with cooking develop crucial hand skills. Balance screen time with hands-on activities by setting consistent limits on devices and creating tech-free zones. For every digital activity, offer an engaging hands-on alternative. Consider apps that complement rather than replace physical fine motor practice. Make practice enjoyable by following your child’s interests—use favorite characters in activities, create simple games with clear goals, and adjust difficulty levels appropriately. Focus on the process rather than perfect results, celebrating effort and improvement to keep motivation high. Remember that short, frequent practice sessions are more effective than occasional long ones. Signs Your Child Might Need Extra Support While children develop at different rates, certain patterns may indicate your 4-year-old needs additional fine motor support. Be attentive if your child consistently avoids activities requiring hand skills, shows frustration with age-appropriate tasks, or uses whole-hand grasping rather than finger control. Potential red flags include difficulty with basic self-care skills like using utensils or handling clothing fasteners, inability to copy simple shapes, awkward pencil grip, or extreme pressure when writing and drawing. Consistently favoring one hand for all activities or switching hands frequently during a single task also warrants attention. How Fine Motor Skills Support Cognitive Development Fine motor activities do more than prepare children for writing—they actively support brain development and early learning. The table below highlights key connections between fine motor tasks and cognitive growth in young children. AREA ACTIVITY COGNITIVE BENEFIT Brain Development Beading, small object play Builds neural connections across brain regions Focus & Control Cutting, threading Improves attention and self-regulation Math Skills Using counters, block play Enhances spatial awareness and sequencing Literacy Skills Tracing, holding a pencil Develops writing control and reading readiness Science Skills Hands-on experiments, tool use Boosts observation and problem-solving Nurturing fine motor skills in 4-year-olds creates a critical foundation for academic and life success. Through dedicated practice of pinching, grasping, and manipulating objects, children develop the coordination needed for writing, buttoning clothes, and countless daily tasks. Engage your child in activities like threading beads, using tweezers to sort small objects, or molding play dough. Encourage coloring within lines, cutting with safety scissors, and practicing proper pencil grip. Turn these exercises into games: “Can you pick up these tiny pom-poms with tweezers?” or “Let’s see how many paper clips you can link together!” Remember that consistency is key. Celebrate small victories and maintain patience during challenges. By making these activities fun rather than frustrating, you’ll help your child develop confidence alongside dexterity. What fine motor activity will you try first with your child? If you’re interested in more informational content on mothers and babies, feel free to click here and explore other blogs that you might enjoy.