



Erica with Chicks - Colouring Activity

Colouring can be fun when you share the picture or print two copies and have one each.

This activity is great for developing listening and talking. You can introduce new words, such as the names of colours, and children will be able to hear and practise using the words.

Talking about Erica and her chicks is also a good way to hear and practise saying words with the sounds 'ch' and 'k'.

Talk about the picture:

- *"Look at Erica. She is a big chicken."*
- *"Erica has some little chicks. I wonder how many ... shall we count them ...?"*

Then colour the picture:

- Take it in turns to tell each other what to do.
- Remember to keep the activity fun - the colours do not have to reflect reality!
- You tell the child what to colour, for example *"Colour one chick orange."*
- Then the child tells you what to do, for example *"Colour the nest green."*
- You can make the instructions simple *"Colour one chick pink"* or more complex *"Colour one chick red and its beak blue."*

Keep listening and chatting throughout the activity.

This activity links to the *Clickety Early Soundplay* book *Erica's Chicks*.

Colour in Erica and her chicks

