

Age: 8-14 months

Objective: Seeing and Touching

### Boxed Play Space

#### Instructions:

1. Tell your baby that you are making a box into a small play area for him or her.
2. Poke hole into one side of the box with scissors. String ribbons through the holes. Hang toys and rattles from ribbons before tying them on the outside of the box.
3. Draw simple designs or pictures on the inside of the box.
4. At the end of the box, poke holes near the top edge. Thread ribbon or fabric strips through holes, leaving a few inches hanging on the inside. Next knot them on the outside of the box so your baby cannot pull them through.
5. Place your baby inside of this fun box and observe what he or she does!
6. As your baby plays, talk about what he or she is doing. Name and describe things that are inside of the box.

#### Materials:

- Large Empty Box with Lid
- Scissors
- Crayons or Markers
- Ribbon or Fabric Scraps (Pipe Cleaners or strips of paper)
- Small Toys



#### What they learn:

- **Social- Emotional:** The small space inside the box provides security for your baby.
- **Language:** When you name what your baby is seeing and touching, his receptive vocabulary expands.
- Your baby learns through all his or her senses! The different colors, textures, and sounds of the toys attracts his or her attention. He or she is seeing them used in a new way in this new environment.