

Touch Textures

Instructions:

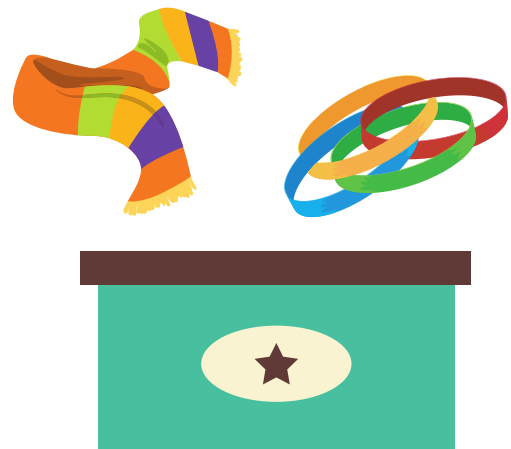
1. Put all of the items on a box, place the box in front of your child.
2. Watch as they start taking everything out. Ask questions, "How does it feel? Is it soft? Hard? Smooth? Wavy?" Try to use as many describing words as possible.
3. During the activity introduce the paper towel tube. Push items through the tube and see if your child will try and pulling the item all the way through.
4. Continue as long as your child is interested.

How to extend activity:

- Try cutting a hole on the lid of the box large enough for your hand - turning this into a guessing game as well.

Materials:

- Empty box (ex: shoe box)
- Paper towel tube
- Different textures such as a scarf, a cotton ball, elastic bands, wash cloth, parchment paper, sand paper, anything will work as long as it is safe and of different texture than the rest.



What they learn:

Motor: Baby is strengthening the small muscles in his or her fingers.

Cognitive: Baby is using creative thinking skills to use materials in new ways.