

Using Fingers: Picking up and Observing Objects

Instructions:

1. Sit together with your baby. Offer him/her the container filled with objects.
2. Are she/ he able to open the box? If not, show them how to and close it again. The baby will learn to by continued trying. If baby becomes frustrated, open it together.
3. Observe how he approaches this activity. Is he/she taking everything out? What is he/she most interested in?
4. Encourage your baby to explore the objects. When baby picks up a different object, he/she will look at it from all sides.
5. Think of objects that have differing textures, such as a soap dish or coaster. It's fun to watch his curious brain inspect something new.

How to extend activity:

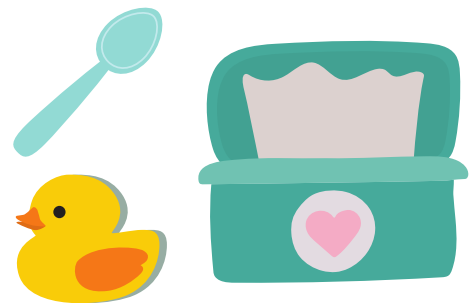
Show your baby how to draw on paper using a large crayon. Give it to your baby so he/she can make marks.

Materials:

- A hinged container such as an empty baby wipes box.
- Safe household objects such as a new scrub brush, small piece of rope, serving spoon, small plastic toy, or roll of masking tape.

Optional items:

- Paper
- Large crayon
- Board book



What will your child learn?

Motor: Your baby is using fine motor muscles and eye hand coordination as h/she picks up objects. Your baby is developing more control over his/her small movements.

Cognitive: He/she is learning about three dimensional objects through his/her senses: touching, tasting, and observing from all angles.