



Treasure Baskets



Treasure Baskets are ideal for babies who are sitting and not yet walking. Sit your baby near the Treasure Basket so they can reach the objects, and yet them explore and investigate.

Why give babies Treasure Baskets?

To support brain development

To stimulate their senses

To develop concentration

To develop fine motor skills

To extend curiosity

To develop their imaginations

To encourage your baby to make connections, compare and classify



Try and let your baby explore the basket for themselves and choose things they like, rather than picking objects out for them.

Sit near your baby and give your baby reassurance through eye contact and gestures, so they know they you are watching and interested.

Use a sturdy low level basket containing a variety of household objects and natural materials like wood and metal (not plastic) that vary in weight, size, texture, colour, smell or taste that babies will be attracted to.

Ideas for objects for your Treasure Basket

Wooden objects

Curtain ring

Napkin ring

Bowl

Cotton reel

Spoons

Dolly pegs

Bracelet

Egg cup

Spatula

Small rolling pin

Metal objects

Small egg whisk

A triangle

A small sieve

Bangle

Small tins

Tea strainer

Spoons

Chain

Bowl

Potato masher

Natural objects

Fir cones

Feathers

Loofah

Piece of fur

Shaving brush

Sheepskin

Woollen ball

Sponge

Corks

Pumice stones



Other objects

Rubber glove

Small boxes

Material -different textures

Remember babies can choke on small items. ALWAYS SUPERVISE YOUR BABY WHEN THEY ARE PLAYING WITH TREASURE

