



# Treasure Bottles



Treasure Bottles are ideal for babies and older children. Sit your baby near the Treasure Bottle so they can reach the object, and yet them explore and investigate.

Your child is learning....

To explore

To try things out

How to use their fingers and hands

To make things happen

To share

To experiment

To develop hand-eye co-ordination

To make different sounds

Try and let your baby explore the bottle 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 that you are watching and interested.

Babies are fascinated by light, sound and colour. Treasure bottles make an inexpensive toy for your baby to watch, explore and play with. Older children enjoy turning the bottle upside down and watching the contents move and making different sounds with it.

## How to make a treasure bottle—

Find an empty plastic bottle

Take the label off

Use a funnel to pour glitter into the bottle

Fill the bottle with water

Secure the lid safely

Treasure bottles can be made with or without water

Add half oil and half water with food colouring in for an interesting effect!

### Other ideas to try....

**No water** Dried pasta, feathers, polos, herbs, pot-pourri, birthday candles/balloons, rice, sugar strands, coloured/shiny bits of paper, collage materials, lentils

**With water** Glitter, sequins, oil, glycerine, shells, small plastic animals, food colouring, beads

**Remember babies can choke on small items. 'Treasure Bottles' lids should be fastened securely with super glue and then taped over the top. Always check them regularly for damage and supervise your child while they are playing**