Clothespin Magnets

Age: Preschool-age (3-4 years)

This activity helps your child's development in this domain: Language and Literacy

What You Need:

- Wooden clothespin
- Scissors (for adult use only)
- Felt
- Washable markers
- White glue (such as Elmer’s Glue®)
- Adhesive magnet strips or recycled magnets

What To Do:

1. Cut out a shape, such as a ladybug, turtle, plumeria, or the first letter of your child’s name, from the felt.
2. Have him decorate the shape with markers or other pieces of felt.
3. Show him how to glue the felt shape onto one flat side of the clothespin. Allow the glue to dry.
4. Attach a small piece of magnet strip or glue a recycled magnet to the other flat side of the clothespin.
5. Have him stick his clothespin magnet on your refrigerator and explain that he can use it to hang his artwork or special messages.
6. Ask him to draw a picture to hang there. Show him how to press and release the clothespin to secure his drawing.
7. Have him create other clothespin magnets to hold things such as grocery lists or messages for family members.

! Safety Alert: Adult-size scissors are not safe for young preschoolers. Keep
them out of children’s reach.

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