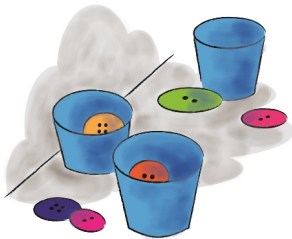


My First Shape Container

Age: Explorer (8 - 18 months), Infants (0-8 months)

This activity helps your child's development in this domain: Physical, Cognitive

What You Need:



- A large, empty container with a plastic lid, e.g. a coffee container
- Round objects at least 3 cm in diameter and 6 cm in length so they can't be swallowed or lodged in a child's windpipe (e.g. baby sensory balls, round teething ring)
- Scissors (for adult use only)

What To Do:

1. Cut a large hole in the plastic lid of the container. The opening should be large enough for the variety of round objects to easily fit through. Make sure there are no sharp edges.
2. Sit with your child and position the large container in front of both of you.
3. Let your child explore the different round objects then show him how he can put the objects in the round opening of the large container's lid.
4. Describe what your child is doing. For example say, "You have the round ball. You're putting it in."

It's okay if your child is more interested in dumping out the round objects, mouthing or tossing them. As he actively manipulates them, he is learning about each shape's properties.



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