# Helpful Learning Activities for Toddlers 20-24 Months Old

# Focus on: Gross Motor Development

### Homemade Oversized Blocks.

Make grocery sack blocks by filling large paper grocery sacks about half full with shredded or crumpled newspaper. Fold the top of the sack over and tape it shut. Your toddler will enjoy tearing and crumpling the paper and stuffing the sacks. The blocks are great for stacking and building. Avoid newsprint contact with mouth. Wash hands after this activity.



#### Make Your Own Playdough.

Mix 2 cups flour and 3/4 cup salt. Add 1/2 cup water and 2 tablespoons salad oil. Knead well until it's smooth; add food coloring, and knead until color is fully blended. Toddlers will love squishing, squeezing, and pounding the dough.

#### Make an Outdoor "Paint" Set.

Use a large wide paintbrush and a bowl or bucket of water. Your toddler will have fun "painting" the side of the house, a fence, or the front porch.



## <u>Play a Bowling Game.</u>

Use plastic tumblers, tennis ball cans, or empty plastic bottles for bowling pins. Show your toddler how to roll the ball to knock down the pins. Then let your toddler try.

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