

Helpful Learning Activities for Children 24-30 Months Old

Focus on: *Fine Motor Development*

Build with Sand.

During sandbox play, try wetting some of the sand. Show your child how to pack the container with the wet sand and turn it over to make sand structures or cakes.



Draw Together.

Take time to draw with your child when she wants to get out paper and crayons. Draw large shapes and let your child color them in. Take turns.

Make "Sound Containers."

Use plastic Easter eggs or pantyhose eggs. Fill eggs with noisy objects like sand, beans, or rice and tape the eggs shut. Have two eggs for each sound. Help your child match sounds and put them back in an egg carton together.

A New Twist on Fingerpainting.

Use whipping cream on a washable surface (cookie sheet, Formica table). Help your child spread it around and draw pictures with your fingers. Add food coloring to give it some color.

Practicing Washing.

Give your child soap, a washcloth, and a dishpan of water. Let your child wash a "dirty" doll, toy dishes, or doll clothes. It's good practice for hand washing and drying.

Shaping Dough.

Show your child how to make snakes or balls or how to roll out pancakes with a small rolling pin using playdough. Use large cookie cutters to make new playdough shapes.

Stringing It Together.

Wrap tape around one end of a piece of yarn to make it stiff like a needle and put a large knot at the other end. Have your child string



large elbow macaroni, buttons, spoons, or beads. Make an edible necklace out of Cheerios.