



Thinking Abilities and General Knowledge Activity for 54 to 60 Months

Measure-it Scavenger Hunt

This activity gives children the opportunity to compare lengths of objects and to measure length using non-standard and standard units of measure.

Materials:

- Yarn or string
- Scissors
- Common objects

What to do:

1. Cut several pieces of yarn or string into different lengths ranging from three to 12 inches.
2. Give the child a piece of yarn or string.
3. Explain she is going on a scavenger hunt to find an item that is approximately the same length as her string. Show the child how to measure length by matching the end of her string with the edge of an object.
4. Have the child bring the matching objects to you.
5. Offer the child a different length of string and see if she can find another match.
6. Extend this activity by measuring objects from above with a ruler. Measure each object in inches and centimeters and chart the results.

