



Communication, Language, and Literacy Activity for 18 to 24 Months

Picture Stowaways

Materials:

- Large sliding box for wooden kitchen matches or similar box
- 3 small match boxes (optional)
- Pieces of bright fabrics
- Pictures or photos
- Transparent contact paper
- Glue

To make:

1. Smear the outside of the box with the glue and cover with a piece of fabric the dimensions of the box. When glue is dry, cover again with contact paper. This process reinforces a box of flimsy cardboard.
2. Smear the inside of the box with glue and cover with fabric to strengthen the box.
3. Glue a photo or a picture on the bottom of the drawer and protect it with a layer of contact paper.

What to do:

- Push the drawer part way out to peek at the picture. The child will probably push it all the way out at first, and he will need help getting it back in. Change the pictures for a surprise when he learns to open the drawer.

Variation:

- Glue together three small matchboxes, one on top of the other. Put a layer of glue on the sides where the striking side is and cover with fabric. Put a layer of contact paper around the boxes. Paste a small picture inside on the bottom of each drawer.

