



Cognition and General Knowledge Activity for 6 to 12 Months

A Place for the Animals

This game introduces children to the concept of sizes and space as well as the math concept of one-to-one correspondence.

Materials:

- Compartmentalized shoe bag (door-hanger type)
- Small stuffed animals and dolls to fit in compartments
- Rubber dish tub, basket, or other large container

What to do:

1. Hang the shoe bag where a "cruising" child can get at it and reach all compartments.
2. Put the dish tub with all the small stuffed animals in front of the shoe bag.
3. Let the child see you "playing" with the stuffed animals and putting them in the pockets of the shoe bag.

Variations:

- A. Substitute other small toys for the stuffed animals.
- B. Find other things with pockets for the child to fill and empty.

