



Approaches to Learning Activity for 12 to 18 Months

Collection of Holes

This activity sparks children's inquisitiveness and initiative when they take the risk of sticking fingers in different holes. The children also gain practice using their forefingers independently (fine-motor skill) and in discovering relationships of size and space (a cognitive skill).

Materials:

- Items with holes (strawberry baskets, plastic spoons with drainage holes, plastic baskets, large mesh net bags)

What to do:

1. Have the items available to the child in the play area.
2. Have a special box full of "hole stuff."

Variation:

- Provide thin plastic tubing or plastic drinking straws for the child to push through the holes.

What to observe:

- A. Does the child discover the holes?
- B. Does the child put her fingers in the holes or try to put other things through them?
- C. Does the child invent any games with the materials such as putting the basket in front of her eyes to play "peek-a-boo?"

