



Treasure Basket

EXPLORATION

Follow Their Curiosity. Build Their Brain.

Everyday objects become exciting discoveries that help your child learn, communicate, and connect with you. Your loving attention and warm responses make all the difference.



RECOMMENDED AGE:
12-18 Months

(Adapt to your child's developmental level.)

DEVELOPMENTAL DOMAINS



Cognitive Development



Communication & Language



Social-Emotional Development



Fine Motor Development



Sensory Learning

GATHER THESE ITEMS

Choose 5-8 safe, everyday objects that are too large to swallow.

- ☐ Wooden spoon
- ☐ Soft cloth or scarf
- ☐ Natural sponge
- ☐ Silicone spatula
- ☐ Measuring cup
- ☐ Wooden ring
- ☐ Brush
- ☐ Fabric ball
- ☐ Basket or container

♥ Rotate objects weekly to keep the basket interesting!

LET'S EXPLORE TOGETHER

- 1 Sit together.**
Get on the floor where your child can see your face.
- 2 Let your child choose.**
Put the basket in front of them and let them pick the first object.
- 3 Pause.**
Watch what happens. Give your child time to explore and think.
- 4 Describe what they notice.**
Talk about the object and what your child is doing.
- 5 Celebrate every attempt.**
Smile, respond, and enjoy every look, sound, and gesture.



You're squeezing the sponge!



TRY SAYING...

Use simple words to describe what your child is doing.

- ♥ "You're holding something soft."
- ♥ "You found a big spoon!"
- ♥ "I wonder what it feels like."
- ♥ "You discovered something new!"
- ♥ "You're shaking it!"
- ♥ "That makes a sound!"
- ♥ "You gave it to me!"



WHAT DID YOU NOTICE?

Take a moment to reflect on your child's exploration.

- ★ My child seemed most interested in: _____
- 😊 They smiled when: _____
- ♥ Today I noticed: _____
- 💬 They tried to communicate by: _____
- 🔍 We were most connected when: _____

TODAY'S PARENT TIP



Slow down.

Children learn best when they have time to explore before we speak.



GROWING SKILLS

Your child is building so many important skills!

- Thinking & Problem Solving**
Exploring, comparing, and figuring things out
- Communication**
Sharing ideas, using words, sounds, and gestures
- Relationships**
Building connection and learning trust
- Fine Motor Skills**
Grasping, holding, releasing, and manipulating
- Sensory Learning**
Noticing textures, sounds, shapes, and more

WE'LL TRY AGAIN THIS WEEK

- ☐ Kitchen Basket
- ☐ Nature Basket
- ☐ Bath Basket
- ☐ Texture Basket
- ☐ Grandma's House
- ☐ Outdoor Basket

Family Reflection

- 🌻 What surprised me today? _____
- ♥ My child enjoyed... _____
- 🌿 Next time I'd like to... _____



REMEMBER

The greatest gift you can give your child is your time, your attention, and your joyful presence.

♥ You are your child's first teacher. Trust yourself. You're doing an amazing job!