

Toddlers and Table Tops!

Get a basket and/or some plastic drawers. In your basket/drawers, place:

- **Paintbrushes** (paint with water on chalk board, use *all sizes of brushes*)
- **Chalkboard** (paint on it with water, use chalk – *all sizes*)
- **Masking tape** (tape a paper towel tube onto the wall, and let them drop things through it, let them stick the masking tape where they want, make loooong pieces of masking tape go all over the table or chair or wall or floor, and let them have fun peeling it all off, or make a race track!)
- **Packing tape** (again, hours of fun)
- **Muffin tin cup liners** (put the muffin cups in a muffin tin)
- **Cotton Balls** (drop these through the paper towel roll)
- **Pom poms** (drop these through the paper towel roll)
- **Paint and paint smock** (put a dollop of paint on a yogurt container lid and let them paint – the dollar store has really good inexpensive paint, paintbrushes, & canvas)
- **Newspapers/Flyers** (let them **cut** or **rip and crunch**)
- **Scissors** (toddlers need lots of practice!)
- **Paper** to cut up, or old **Magazines** (all different kinds of paper!)
- Lots of **different kinds of paper** for cutting and drawing and making art
- **Crayola Markers – all sizes**
- **Crayons/Pencil Crayons** –many colours *in good shape – not broken*
- **Window Writers – HOURS of fun!**
- **Clothes Pegs and Stickers** (put one sticker on paper, the other on a clothes peg, and let them open clothes peg & place on matching picture)
- **Play Dough (make nursery rhyme characters and scenes, SING, and PRETEND!)**



Toddlers Love to Pour:

- Fill up the kitchen sink with water and bubbles & let them play with wooden spoons, plastic containers, measuring cups, etc.
- Rice, dried beans, peas, pasta (let them scoop with measuring cups and/or yogurt containers)
- Fill up a sink and **let them bath dolls!** They LOVE pouring water on dolls with little cups!

Toddlers Love Cardboard Boxes

- Give them lots of boxes & watch them play! Observe what they are doing, copy them, and then wait to see what they will do next.

Toddlers Love to Take Things In and Out

- Toddlers love to take things in and out of a container. Fill a **COFFEE TIN with juice lids** (see picture), or a (large or small) bin/basket with socks, picture cards, plastic containers, lids from jars, etc...



Toddlers Love Books, Books, Books!

- Surrounding your toddler in books is the longest lasting and most stimulating thing you can do. Good quality board books are helpful! Talk about the pictures! Turn the book around so that you are facing your child. Talk about what they are looking at/interested in.