

No Money? No Problem!



CREATING LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES WITH HOUSEHOLD MATERIALS



What Will You Learn?

- Household materials = learning materials
- One material ... many developmental areas
- Adapting activities for different developmental levels
- Evaluating household materials for safety
- Using social media for inspiration & sharing





Learning Happens Everywhere!

Your Challenge

Pick two areas:

- Literacy/Books
- Science
- Math
- Art
- Manipulative (including sand/water)
- Dramatic Play
- Blocks
- Gross Motor
- Health



One Material ... Many Areas



Activity: How Many Cups?

Developmental areas addressed include:

- Math Knowledge
- Science Knowledge
- Approaches to Learning
- Logic & Reasoning
- Physical Development & Health
- Social/Emotional Development

Common Household Materials

Disposable plates

Plastic water bottles (clean)

Paper grocery bags

Clothesbaskets

Couch cushions & pillows

Blankets

Folding tables

Plastic mixing bowls

Baking sheets

Cooking spoons (plastic/wood/solid/slotted)

Cardboard boxes

Paper towel & wrapping paper tubes

Old newspapers, magazines, sale flyers

Old t-shirts

Towels (hand/bath/dish)

Sponges (new)

Bath poofs (new)

Placemats



How Could You Use an Old T-Shirt?

INFANTS & TODDLERS

- Paint with pieces of t-shirt clipped in clothespins (Creative Arts + Physical Development & Health)
- Talk about what happens as the Infant/Toddler paints and show interest in his/her actions (Language Development + Social/Emotional Development)



PRESCHOOLERS

- Explore using pieces of t-shirt in different ways for painting (Creative Arts + Physical Development & Health + Approaches to Learning)
- Challenge children to problem-solve, experiment and test predictions as they create (Science Knowledge + Logic & Reasoning)
- Prompt children to share discoveries verbally and respond to open-ended questions (Language Development)
- Encourage children to share materials and talk about their likes/dislikes as they create (Social & Emotional Development)

Now It's Your Turn!

- What activity would you plan?
- What age group?
- What developmental areas could you address?



Let's Try That Again!



- What activity would you plan?
- What age group?
- What developmental areas could you address?

And Again!

- What activity would you plan?
- What age group?
- What developmental areas could you address?



One Last Time



- What activity would you plan?
- What age group?
- What developmental areas could you address?

Safety First

- Potential choking hazard?
- Sharp edges?
- Could the material be dangerous in any way?



Seek & Share



Questions?



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