

Appropriate for :
Infants, Young Toddlers and Older Toddlers.



Mittens and Gloves

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Plastic bin (or similar size container safe for young children to handle)
- An assortment of gloves or mittens (various materials, sizes, purposes, and styles such as garden, kitchen, and winter gloves)

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Place gloves and mittens in the bin and place in the dramatic play area.
- Put a pair of gloves on a stuffed bear or doll in the dramatic play area to provoke interest.

What the adult can do to support learning and development in these domains:

- Support children as they explore the materials in a variety of ways, encouraging them to try new ways of doing things.
- Pretend to try to put a glove on your foot or head and ask children for help.
- Ask open-ended questions and actively involve children in finding answers.
- Provide appropriate vocabulary as materials are explored.

Examples of language that can be used between caregiver and child:

- “Cindy, you figured out how to fit the small fuzzy glove in the big shiny one.”
- “You sorted the gloves and found 5 pairs of purple gloves!”
- “Which gloves do you think we should wear to work in the garden?”
- “I couldn’t find a glove to match this one, but you kept looking until you found it.”

This activity highlights support for the following *NCFELD* domain:

Cognitive Development	Approaches to Play & Learning	Language Development & Communication	Emotional and Social Development	Health & Physical Development
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