

Appropriate for :
Young Toddlers and Older Toddlers.



Lacing Beads

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- ½ clear vinyl tubing
- PVC pipe coupling sockets or hair curlers
- Optional: electrical tape in a variety of colors

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Cut clear vinyl tubing in various lengths to hold multiple “beads”.
- Tie a knot at one end.
- Decorate PVC pipe coupling sockets with electrical tape (optional).

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

- Allow children to explore the materials and make discoveries on their own.
- Show the children how to string and unstring the “beads”. Encourage them to put them on and pull them off with you.
- Count the “beads” as you take them on and off. Talk about the different colors.
- Praise child’s persistence as they practice lacing beads on their own.

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

- “1, 2, 3, 4 beads on! Kesha and Lucy are helping each other.”
- “You are working so hard to get the beads on the tube. Way to go!”
- “What colors are you stringing together?”
- “You discovered that the beads can roll on the table. I wonder what else you can do with the beads?”

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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