

Daily Baby Activities

Sunday	Tie a couple of toys to hang from your baby's highchair. Encourage your baby to grab them by pulling on the string.	Give your baby something large enough that they would need two hands to grab or hold onto it, such as a pillow, a beach ball, or a stuffed animal.
Monday	When giving your baby a bath, place a floating toy or a sponge in the bath just out of their reach. See if they'll try to grab it.	Give your baby a non-breakable cup or a sippy cup to drink from. Encourage them to grasp the handles or to hold the cup with two hands.
Tuesday	Hold a toy above your baby's head and encourage them to raise their arms to try and grab it.	Put a couple of toys on a towel. Grab the ends of the towel and drag it on the floor. See if your baby will crawl to the towel to get to the toy.
Wednesday	Give your baby junk mail or paper to rip up. Just make sure you take away the small pieces.	Wear a shirt with a pocket. Put a small, colourful toy of interest in the pocket. Ask, "Where did it go?" and see if your baby will seek it out.
Thursday	Give your baby large magnets to place on the fridge and tell them what they are (i.e. letters, numbers, shapes).	Place some items of distinguishable shapes and sizes in a basket for your baby to grab and explore (i.e. blocks, ball, loofah, ribbon, dry cereal, etc.)
Friday	When asking your baby for a toy say, "May I please have that toy?" and point to a toy. Say, "Thank you" when they pass it to you.	Once your baby is eating solids, place some biscuits or other snacks inside a plastic container. Give the container to your baby and see how they'll grab the snack (i.e. grabbing it, dumping the container, etc.)
Saturday	Put a colourful sticker on your nose. When your baby tries to grab it, name the body part. Repeat with another facial body part.	Tie some toys to a clothes hanger and while your baby is on their back, hold the hanger over them so they can grasp or swing at the toys.

**If you'd like, do the daily activities repeatedly, and on other days too! Repetition is key for babies to learn and develop.*

Building with Egg Cartons

*This activity is great for your little engineer to discover how to build something fun.
Great for ages 1 year and up.*

What You Need:

- Egg cartons
- Scissors
- Paint & paint brush

Directions:

1. Collect some egg cartons and cut each individual egg holder out.
2. Have your little one paint each individual egg holder.
3. Dry overnight.
4. Once dry, let your child start building with the egg cartons.



Talking Points:

Ask your little one to try building the following (or show them how):

- Bridge
- Tower
- Pyramid
- Castle or fort
- Build horizontally instead of vertically

Remember to talk to your little one as you are building. Talk to them about what they are making, what colour the egg cartons are, what the egg cartons feel like, the sound they make when they fall, and what your small child thinks of the experience. If they are a bit older, you can ask them what they would like to build (let them lead)!

Egg Carton Colour Sorting

Your little mathematician will discover the joys of learning how to sort colours using simple everyday objects. Great for ages 2 years and up!

What You Need:

- Empty egg carton
- Different coloured paper (or markers, or paint)
- Scissors
- Glue
- Pom Poms (or any other objects with a single colour, such as Lego pieces, buttons, or marbles)
- Ziploc Bag (for storing small objects afterwards)

Please note small objects can be a choking hazard for small children.



Directions:

1. Cut out, on different coloured paper, small circles. Place the small circles in each egg holder. Make sure you only use colours that you have a corresponding coloured pom pom (or other object) to.
2. Have your child sort and place the pom poms (or other object) in the corresponding egg carton holder.
3. Use the Ziploc bag to store the small objects in.

Talking Points:

Talk to your little mathematician about all the different colours. Have them say each colour before they put them in their corresponding egg holder. Ask them to identify other objects that are the same colours.

On VPL's database, [TumbleBook Library](#), watch the video, "[A Penguin Story](#)" by Antoinette Portis.

Egg Carton Counting

*Your little mathematician will discover the joys of learning how to count using everyday material at home.
Great for ages 2 years and up!*

What You Need:

- Empty egg carton
- Marker
- Coloured paper (optional, just to make it look prettier)
- Small objects (i.e. beans, popcorn kernels, Cheerio's, pom poms, or buttons)
- Ziploc bag (for storing small objects afterwards)

Please note small objects can be a choking hazard for children.

Directions:

1. Using a marker write the numbers 1-12 in each egg holder (if you want to make it look more attractive you can write the numbers on a coloured piece of paper, then cut the numbers out and place each number in each egg holder).
2. Find small objects (such as beans, pom poms, etc.) that fit in the empty egg carton.
3. Have your child count out and place the small objects in the corresponding egg carton holder.
4. Use the Ziploc bag to store the small objects in.

Talking Points:

Talk to your little mathematician about numbers. Ask them what numbers they see and to count out loud when adding objects to the corresponding egg carton holder.

Want to take it to the next step? Have your little mathematician try to write each number you are doing on a piece of scrap paper.

On VPL's database, [TumbleBook Library](#), watch the video, ["One Duck Stuck"](#) by Phyllis Root.



Here are a couple of songs to sing to your little one....



Do You Know that I Love you? (Tune: Do You Know the Muffin Man?)

Do you know that I love you, that I love you, that I love you?

Do you know that I love you, so I give you a great big hug!

Other verses: Give you a great big kiss; Lift you up in the air; Whisper I love you!

A Smooth Road

A smooth road, a smooth road, a smooth road, a smooth road. (*Sway baby*)

A bumpy road, a bumpy road, a bumpy road, a bumpy road. (*Gently bounce baby*)

A rough road, a rough road, a rough road, a rough road. (*Bounce baby*)

... a hole! (*Drop baby between your legs*)



Tiny Tim

I had a little turtle. His name was Tiny Tim.

I put him in the bathtub to see if he could swim.

He drank up all the water (glug, glug, glug, glug).

He ate up all the soap (yum, yum, yum, yum).

And now he's home sick in the bed, with bubbles in his throat.

Bubble, bubble, bubble. Bubble, bubble, pop. (x2)