

## Daily Baby Activities

<b>Sunday</b>	Before you make your bed, place your baby on the bed, and throw the sheet over them. Then, pull the sheet down and say, "Peek-a-boo!"	While your baby is on their back, bring their legs and feet up and hide your face behind them. Then, reveal yourself, and say, "Peek-a-boo!"
<b>Monday</b>	Place a towel or a blanket over a toy. Ask your baby where the toy is, then lift the towel or blanket and say, "There it is!"	Hide behind the drapes (or hide under a blanket). Talk to your baby as you're hidden. See if they'll grab the drapes or the blanket to find you.
<b>Tuesday</b>	As you're folding laundry, bring the clothes to a reachable level for your baby to easily touch, grab and explore.	Hold a stuffed animal in front of your baby and move it around (i.e. up, down, side to side, etc.) See if their eyes follow to where it goes.
<b>Wednesday</b>	Hide a toy that makes continuous noise on its own and encourage your baby to find it.	Direct your baby's hands to slightly cover their eyes, then remove them from their face and say "Peek-a-boo!"
<b>Thursday</b>	Using clear containers or lids, play peek-a-boo with your baby. If your baby is not a fan of seeing you disappear, this is a great way for them to still see you.	Cut two ends off a box to make a tunnel. Roll or slide a toy through it. When the toy disappears in the tunnel, ask them, "Where did it go?", and say, "There it is!" when it reappears.
<b>Friday</b>	Count your baby's fingers and toes and point to each one that you count. Count them again, but this time, kiss or tickle each one!	In a dark room, turn on a flashlight or a lamp and make shadows with your hands. Encourage your baby to make shadows too.
<b>Saturday</b>	Hide behind someone that your baby is facing. Then, peek your head out from one side and say "Peek-a-boo!". Hide again, then reappear from another side.	Blow up a balloon and pass to your baby to explore. Just keep an eye out, as if they squeeze it too tight, it'll burst, which can startle your little one.

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

# The Very Busy Spider

*This is a great activity for your little learner who will get to practice their scissor cutting skills in order to strengthen their hand muscles and fine motor skills. Great for ages 2.5 years and up.*

## What You Need:

- Paper (white, and one other colour)
- Markers or crayons
- Googly eyes (8)
- Scissors
- Glue

## Directions:

1. On a piece of white paper draw eight straight lines, one small oval (head), and one large oval (body).
2. Have your little one colour the spider whatever colour(s) they choose.
3. Have your little one cut the spider out.
4. Glue the spider onto a piece of paper (any colour they choose).
5. Glue 8 googly eyes on the spider.



## Talking Points:

Talk to your little one about spiders. Tell them that a spider has eight legs, and that most spiders also have 8 eyes (2 big, and 6 smaller) but even with so many eyes they still cannot see well.

Borrow the book, *The Very Busy Spider*, by Eric Carle from [Vaughan Public Libraries](#).

On VPL's database, [Kanopy Kids](#), watch the video, [Diary of a Spider](#) by Weston Woods.

# Hidden Ghosts

*Your little learner will become a little detective as they uncover hidden ghosts on their page.  
Great for ages 1.5 years and up.*

## What You Need:

- White paper
- White Crayon
- Black food colouring (or dark blue)
- Water
- Paintbrush & bowl

## Directions:

1. On a piece of white paper, use the white crayon to draw some ghosts. Don't tell your little one that you are putting the ghosts on the paper - it is more fun if it is a surprise.
2. In a bowl have your little one mix approximately 1/16 cup water with approximately 2 tbsp food colouring.
3. Let your little one paint the page with the water and food colouring mixture.

## Talking Points:

Talk to your little one about what they see appear when they are painting on the page. When your little one discovers a ghost, say "boo!"

Borrow the book, [\*The Ghosts Went Floating\*](#), by Kim Norman from [Vaughan Public Libraries](#).

On VPL's database, [Kanopy Kids](#), watch the video [Scaredy Squirrel at Night](#).



# Parts of a Pumpkin

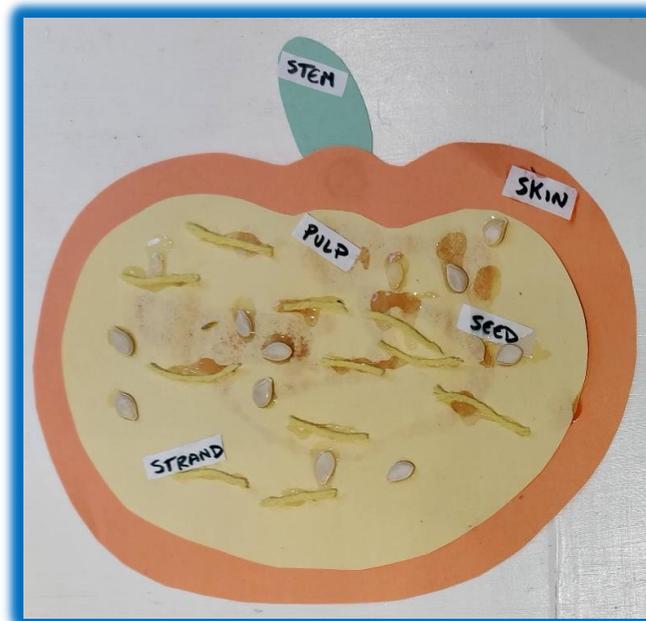
Your little learner will explore all the parts of a pumpkin with this fun activity. Great for ages 2.5 years and up.

## What You Need:

- Construction paper (orange, yellow, green, white)
- Pumpkin & knife
- Yellow yarn
- Scissors
- Glue
- Marker

## Directions:

4. On an orange piece of paper cut out a large pumpkin shape, and on the yellow piece of paper cut out a smaller version of the pumpkin shape, and on the green piece of paper cut out a stem. Also cut some pieces of string about 1 inch in length.
5. Have an adult cut open a pumpkin and show their little one all the different parts of the pumpkin - the stem, skin, strands, pulp, and seeds.
6. Have your little one help an adult pull out all the seeds.
7. Give the construction paper to your little one and have them assemble the pumpkin (glue the yellow pumpkin piece onto the orange piece and put the stem on top).
8. Have your little one glue the yellow yarn and seeds onto the pumpkin. As much or as little as they want.
9. On a small piece of white paper, write the different parts of the pumpkin (stem, skin, strand, pulp, see) and have your little one glue the labels onto the appropriate place on the pumpkin.



## Talking Points:

Talk to your little one about how a real pumpkin feels. Before you cut the pumpkin have your little one touch it, knock on it, and tell you what it feels like (smooth, hard, etc.). Once you cut it up, have your little one touch the inside of the pumpkin and explore the texture. Again, ask them what it feels like (slimy, gooey, etc.). Talk to your little one about the different parts of a pumpkin so when they do the activity, they can already identify all the parts.

## Pumpkin Seed Counting

*Cut open a pumpkin and remove the seeds. Then print the following two pages and have your little one glue the appropriate number of pumpkin seeds to each pumpkin. Great for ages 2 years and up.*





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

**Peek-a-Boo!**

Peek-a-boo, peek-a-boo, I see you, I see you.  
I see your button nose, and your tiny toes.  
I see you. Peek-a-boo!



**A Bouncing We Will Go**

A bouncing we will go, a bouncing we will go.  
Hi-ho the derry-o, a bouncing we will go.  
*Other verses: a rocking we will go, a tickling we will go, the arms go up and down,  
the legs go back and forth*



**The More We Get Together**

The more we get together, together, together.  
The more we get together, the happier we'll be.  
'Cause your friends are my friends, and my friends are your friends.  
The more we get together, the happier we'll be.

