

Toy Activities for your Baby

As you watch your baby play with their toys, join in and play with the toys the same way that they are playing with them.

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.

When your baby is playing with a toy, show them how to play with it in different ways (even if it's not the conventional way of playing with it).

Make a path of toys, or intriguing and new items, and spread them out on the floor. Encourage your baby to crawl to each one to explore.

Give your baby a rattle or a noisy toy. Hold one as well and show your baby how it makes noise (i.e. shaking it, rolling it, pressing a button).

Show your baby how to clean up the toys, such as placing them in a toy box or dropping them in a basket. Ask your baby to help you clean up.

Hide a toy that makes continuous noise on its own and encourage your baby to find it.

When passing a toy to your baby, tell them, "I'm passing you [name/kind of toy]". Then, ask for the toy by pointing to it and having your hand out.

Give your baby two toys - one for each hand. Give them a third toy. See if they'll switch, drop, or manage to hold all three in some way.

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.

Songs to Sing to your Baby

Roly, Poly

Roly, poly. Roly, poly.
Up, up, up. Up, up, up. (Raise baby's arms)
Roly, roly poly. Roly, roly poly.
Down, down, down. Down, down, down.
Other verses: Out/in, Fast/slow,
Peek-a-boo/I love you!

The Itsy Bitsy Spider

The itsy bitsy spider
climbed up the water spout.
Down came the rain and washed the spider out.
Out came the sun and dried up all the rain.
And the itsy, bitsy spider
climbed up the spout again.
Other verses: The Teeny Tiny Spider,
The Great Big Spider

See You Later, Alligator

See you later, alligator. (Wave your hand)
In a while, crocodile. (Clap your hands)
Give a hug, ladybug. (Give baby a hug)
Blow a kiss, jellyfish. (Give baby a kiss)
Bye, bye, butterfly. Bye, bye. Butterfly.
(Intertwine your thumbs and wave your
hands up and down)

Singing Tip!

Use a high-pitched voice when
singing the verse, "The Teeny
Tiny Spider", and a low-
pitched voice for "The Great
Big Spider".

