



Treasure Basket Play



You will need



Basket



bowl and
spoon



brush/comb



scourer/
sponge



rolling pin



Steps:

1. Collect various household items into a basket.
2. Sit or lay your child in front of the basket (maybe on the carpet or a soft rug/blanket).
3. Encourage your child to reach out and grasp the objects. Your child may need you to show them how to do this 😊.
4. Allow your child to explore the objects using their hands, eyes and mouth. Naming the object will help to develop their language skills.
5. Sit or lay at eye level with your child and interact with them e.g. tickling their toes with the brush, tapping the spoon on the bowl, rolling the rolling pin across the floor. Use language to describe what you are doing e.g. 'tap', 'tickle', 'roll'.
6. Give your child time to notice you and respond. Waiting 10 seconds is a good amount of time.
7. Copy what your child is doing or simply praise their efforts by clapping and smiling.
8. Placing the basket a little out of reach can encourage your child to move across the floor.



Model the purpose of these items, e.g.

- Use the bowl and spoon to pretend to eat, brush your hair with the hairbrush or comb or pretend to wash the dishes with the sponge.
- Sing along as you play e.g. "This is the way we brush our hair, brush our hair, brush our hair. This is the way we brush our hair, brush, brush, brush."



What's next?