

B8d - Fine motor activity ideas for 2 to 3 year olds

The skills listed below gradually develop somewhere between 2 years and 3 years of age.

Blocks

- Builds a four cube train
- Builds a train with a chimney
- Builds a nine cube tower

Drawing skills

- Copies a ○
- Copies a —
- Tries to copy a + by drawing two strokes
- Copies a sun, flower, cat, face, etc
- Draws a man with a head and one other body part

Scissor skills

- Snips a piece of cardboard or paper held by an adult
- Cuts a piece of paper in half

Size concepts

- Knows big and small objects and can sort into two piles
- Stacks six graduated rings on a peg
- Puts four part nesting toys (eg, eggs, boxes) together

Matching skills

- Can match pictures of □, ○, △
- Sorts different objects into two piles (eg, pegs and blocks)
- Matches different textures without looking (eg, a 'feely' bag) eg, sand paper, velvet, sponge, sheepskin, cotton wool, etc
- Matches red, yellow and blue coloured counters
- Matches simple pictures (eg, Animal Lotto)
- Identifies common objects by touch alone (eg, a 'feely' bag) eg, comb, toothbrush, crayon, cup, spoon, etc
- Completes a four piece form board ie puzzle with simple shapes
- Completes a three piece jigsaw

Other activities

- Strings 1.7cm (1/2") beads onto string or a shoelace
- Hammers a hammering board
- Unscrews small lids (2.5cm/1")
- Messily applies glue to paper