



Infant/Toddler Fine Motor Tip Sheet

Fine motor materials should be in good repair and well-organized. Sets of toys need to be stored in separate containers and cleaned up and sorted throughout the day.

A variety of fine motor materials should be accessible to children and be rotated at least monthly. The materials should offer varying levels of difficulty (i.e. puzzles with large chunky pieces, puzzles with pegs, and for older toddlers puzzles with a limited number of pieces).

Teachers should engage and show extended interest in helping children develop fine motor skills and understand sorting and counting concepts throughout the day.



Examples of infant materials

- grasping toys
- rattles
- keys
- links
- busy boxes
- stacking rings
- nesting cups
- activity play mats
- textured toys
- containers to fill & dump

Examples of toddler materials

- shape sorting games
- large stringing beads
- lacing cards
- big pegs with peg boards
- simple puzzles
- pop beads
- nesting toys
- medium\large interlocking toys
- crayons\other art materials