

Homemade Fun

Things to Save: Many things around your house can be used in play activities by your children. Here are some ideas for things that you might wish to save and ways that you might use some of these materials.

FROM THE KITCHEN:

Beans and seeds
 Plastic salt shakers
 Plastic bowls and tumblers
 Plastic sponges
 Wooden bowls and spoons
 Milk cartons
 Milk bottle tops
 Cereal cartons
 Plastic meat trays - washed
 Cooking pans
 Flour sifter
 Funnels, muffin tins
 Soap flakes
 Paper bags
 Food coloring
 Macaroni and Spaghetti
 Paper plates
 Corks
 Straws
 Popsicle sticks
 Soap bars
 Plastic lids
 Egg cartons



POSSIBLE USES:

Bean bag, growing experiments
 Rattles
 Nesting toys
 Bath toys, painting
 Banging toys, sand play
 Rattles, blocks, growing pots
 Game counters, money, stringing
 Drums, stacking toys, playing store
 Sewing cards, crafts, paint dishes
 Domestic play
 Cooking activities
 Sand play
 Bubbles, water play
 Hats, masks, puppets, vests
 Cooking, paint
 Stringing necklaces, pasting
 Hats, sewing
 Animals, boats to float
 Stringing, pasting, blowing bubbles
 Boats, crafts, paste sticks
 Boats to float, smelling games
 Key chains, bracelets, paste or paint dishes
 Sorting games, crafts



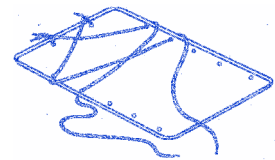
FROM THE SEWING ROOM AND LAUNDRY:

Plastic Needles
 Elastic
 String, yarn, etc.
 Buttons
 Fabric pieces
 Plastic bleach jug - wash first!
 Tape measure
 Clothespins
 Spools



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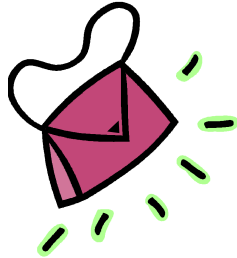
Sewing cloth or cards
 Dangle toys, doll clothes
 Sewing collages, string games, crafts
 Sewing, stringing, sorting
 Touching, sorting, doll clothes, pasting collages
 Scoops, buckets for sand play
 Measuring children, furniture, etc.
 Manipulative play, small dolls
 Dangle toys, stringing, crafts



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FROM THE BEDROOM OR CLOTHES CLOSET

Jewelry
Cotton socks
Shoe laces
Pieces of fur
Gloves
Men and women's clothing
Scarves
Feathers
Handbags
Nylon stockings
Lipstick, rouge, etc.



POSSIBLE USES

Dangle toys, dressing up
Balls, dolls
Stringing beads, practicing lacing shoes
Animals, hats, crafts
Puppet heads, dress-up
Dress-up play
Dancing
Indian headdress, bird games, crafts
Doll bags, dress-up
Wigs, doll hair, stuffing
Playing grown up, circus



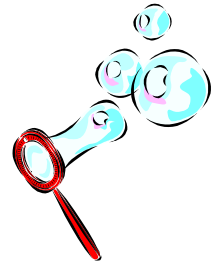
FROM THE HOME IN GENERAL

Paper clips
Tissue and wrapping paper
Poker chips
Cellophane tape
Stapler
Playing cards
Pipe cleaners
All art media such as rulers, pencils, felt pens, paper, glue, ink, etc.
Film cans
Cardboard boxes
Towels
Holiday cards
Magazines and catalogs
Film spools and reels
Wallpaper samples
Brushes
Cardboard rolls
Small tools, bolts, nuts
Rope and wire
Clocks
Stones, rocks, pine cones, acorns

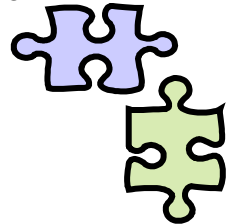


POSSIBLE USES

Necklaces, manipulative toys
Paint, collage, crafts
Stack, manipulative toys, money
Crafts, hats, pictures, etc.
Booklets, pictures
Building, card games
Animals, bubble blowers, crafts



Sound games, sorting, stacking
Storage, doll beds
Cuddly toys, wash cloths
Cutting, small puzzles
Scrapbooks, designs, collage
Wheels, making pulleys
Cutting, pasting, crafts
Water play, painting
Counting games, telescope, talking tubes
Manipulation, construction
Knots, for climbing, mobiles
Numbers, mechanical experimentation
Games, collections, science lessons



"A three-year old child is a being who gets almost as much fun out of a \$56.00 set of swings as it does out of finding a small green worm."

Bill Vaughan

