



Clear View Dump and Fill

YOUNGER TODDLERS

Materials empty, clear plastic juice container
large Duplo™ blocks

- What to do**
1. Invite the children to fill the container with large blocks and then dump them out.
 2. Suggest to older children that they find other objects to fill the container.

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Balance Beam for Toddlers

YOUNGER TODDLERS

Materials colored masking tape or several phone books and tape

- What to do**
1. Make a straight line on the floor with the tape or with phone books.
Note: Tape phone books securely to each other and to the floor.
 2. Help the children walk along the tape line or the line of phone books.

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Happy Trails

YOUNGER TODDLERS

Materials colored masking tape
toys

- What to do**
1. Use tape to make a straight line on the floor.
 2. Ask the children to follow the trail. You may need to demonstrate.
 3. Place small stickers along the trail as a guide. Space out the toys so the children must go a few feet before they get a toy.
 4. Do the activity again, adding some curves and turns on the trail.



FINE AND GROSS MOTOR

More to do **Transitions:** Use tape on the floor to help guide children from one activity to another or from one room to another.

Related books *I Went Walking* by Sue Williams
Sali de Paseo (Spanish version) by Sue Williams

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In and Out the Box Game

YOUNGER TODDLERS

Materials shoeboxes
basket or large bowl
toys such as blocks, balls, and plastic cars

- What to do**
1. Spread five to eight covered shoeboxes on the floor.
 2. Provide a basket or large bowl for toys.
 3. Show the children how to remove the lids from shoeboxes, put a toy inside, and replace the top. Repeat the motions until the children begin to copy you.
 4. Let the children put toys in the boxes, take them out, and move them from box to box, thus improving their motor skills.

More to do **Cleanup:** After play time, provide boxes to put the smaller toys away. Show the children how to put away the toys.

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Footprints

OLDER TODDLERS

Materials long piece of butcher paper
two children's chairs
washable paint
sponge brush
bucket of water
towels