


3. Encourage children to be creative with the materials. Following are some ideas for using the materials. Children can:
- use a garlic press, cookie cutters, a pizza wheel, and rolling pins with playdough.
 - use potato mashers or cookie cutters on stamp pads and stamp shapes onto paper.
 - cut paper and playdough with scissors.
 - manipulate egg beaters and clothespins.
 - nest the funnels like a puzzle.

More to do **Snack:** Use simple tools to make a snack. Use a simple manual citrus squeezer/juicer to make orange juice or lemonade. Grate cheese with a plastic grater.

Related books *Tool Book* by Gail Gibbons
Tools by Ann Morris
Who Uses This? by Margaret Miller

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Home Building

Materials wooden shapes
 watercolor markers
 5" x 8" tagboard sheets
 glue

What to do 1. Ask the children to color the wooden shapes with watercolor markers.
 2. Encourage them to glue the wooden shapes to tagboard sheets.
 3. Watch the wonderful creations that the children make, from homes to fantastic designs.

Related books *The Biggest House in the World* by Leo Lionni
Houses and Homes by Ann Morris

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Building Center

Materials

various pieces of wood, pipe cleaners, and tongue depressors
glue
paint and brushes
buttons, rocks, and pompoms

What to do

1. Place all the materials in the art area and encourage children to create their own sculptures or creations.
2. Provide paint for children to paint their creations.
3. Children may add decorative items to their creations after they paint them, such as pompoms and buttons.

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Match That Tool

Materials

children's gift wrap with a variety of tools printed on it
scissors
laminating machine

What to do

1. Ahead of time, cut out a square of gift wrap large enough so that a picture of each tool fits on it. Laminate for durability.
2. Cut out pictures of individual tools from the leftover paper and laminate.
3. Encourage the children to match the individual tools to the same tool on the large square.

Tip: This activity can be adapted to almost any subject, such as dinosaurs, holidays, sports, jungle, and water animals, by using different types of wrapping paper.

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