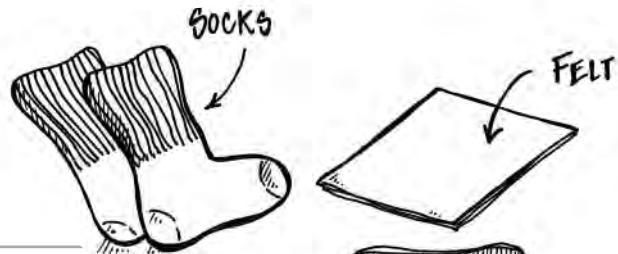


Dino Footwear

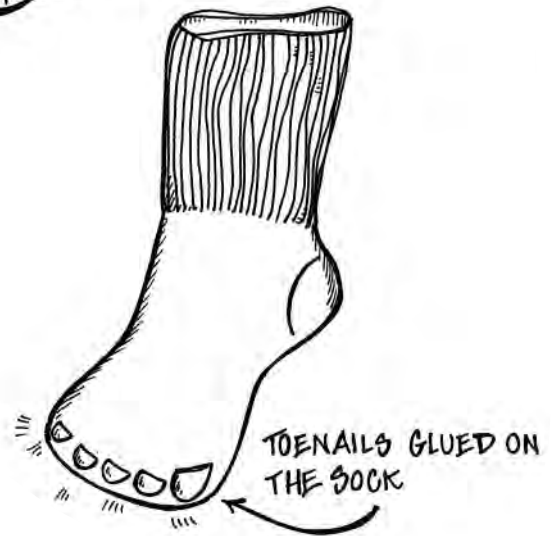
Materials

Socks
Felt
Scissors
Fabric glue



What to do

1. Ask the children to bring in a pair of socks from home.
2. Cut out "toenails" from colored felt.
3. Help the children glue the toenails onto their socks.
4. Encourage the children to wear their socks over their shoes for a dino stomping parade!



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Dramatic Play

Materials

Rocking boat
3 chairs and 3 dishes (large, medium, and small)
Large paper
Small stool
Bowl and spoon
Blocks

What to do

1. Encourage the children to use various props to act out favorite stories. For example:
 - Three Billy Goats: Turn over a rocking boat to make a bridge. Children act like goats as they go over it, one by one. One child will be the troll.
 - Three Bears: Use three chairs, three dishes, and large paper to make beds.
 - Little Miss Muffet: Say the poem and act it out using a small stool, bowl, and spoon.
 - Humpty Dumpty: Use blocks to build a low wall and act out the story.

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Babies' Nappies (Diapers)

Materials

Table or blanket
Baby dolls
Paper towels
Scissors
Small ruler
Tape on a dispenser

What to do

1. Set up a diapering area for baby dolls in the Dramatic Play Center. Make a changing table using a table or blanket.
2. Discuss how part of taking care of babies is making sure they are wearing a "clean" diaper.
3. Show the children how to cut or tear a paper towel into wide strips to use as a diaper. If they want to be sure of the size (or if you want to incorporate measuring), use a ruler to measure the baby's "bottom" and cut a strip to fit.
4. When the child's baby doll is "wet," he can bring it to the changing station and change the diaper using a paper towel and tape.
5. Children have a wonderful time with this very simple activity. They love to pretend the baby has a soiled diaper so they can make a new one for their doll. Although this activity does not require a lot of paper (a couple of sheets go a long way), encourage them not to waste paper (trees).