



Materials in the Home

Teaching With Materials Found At Home

Items	Uses
Buttons, Legos, mixed beans, canned foods, silverware, crayons, markers, bottle tops, keys, paper clips, pasta	Sorting, patterns, counting, comparing
Paper plates, yarn, buttons, pasta noodles, pieces of cardboard, coffee filters	Creating art – collages, pictures, 3-D creations
Brochures, cereal box word strips, greeting cards, magazines, telephones, coupons, junk mail, calendars, sales page from newspapers, old calendars or planners	Language and Literacy
Baby clothes, broom, mop, coupons, costumes, dishes and utensils, empty food containers, work gloves, grocery bags, stuffed animals, any small appliances, hats / caps, dishcloths, timers, plastic flowers, “dress up” clothes	Dramatic Play
Magnifying glasses, nuts from the season (pecans, acorns), pinecones, rocks/stones, Science magazines and pictures, plants, seashells, binoculars, leaves	Science
Bubble wrap, carpenter’s apron, construction hat, maps, PVC pipe pieces, Styrofoam, wood scraps, work gloves, cardboard tubes, masking tape, empty egg containers, rulers, safety goggles	Blocks
Dominos, calculators, scoops, measuring cups, dice, playing cards, plastic jars, puzzles, rulers and tape measures, scales, timekeepers (hour glass or kitchen timer, stickers, handmade puzzles from cereal boxes	General math
Water, large pots or plastic containers, basters, plastic bottles, eggbeaters, funnels, ice, measuring cups, spoons, scoops, strainers, whisks	Sensory Table / Tub Ideas

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