

IDEAS FOR PLAY MATERIALS

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TRY TO PROVIDE MANY TYPES OF PROPS FOR THE CHILD'S PLAY LEVEL. YOU CAN ALSO USE THIS CHART TO DETERMINE WHICH TYPES OF TOYS CHILDREN ENJOY AND WHAT TYPE OF PLAY THEY PREFER.

SOCIAL PLAY

Parallel and Solitary Play: Blocks, Puzzles, Beads, Crayons, Markers, Paint, Clay, Playdough, Sand, Water, Lego, Magnetic Drawing Board, Aquadoodle, Stickers

Co-operative Play: Housekeeping toys, Doctor set, Dolls, Dress up clothes, Vehicles, Blocks, Lego

PLAY WITH OBJECTS

Sensorimotor Play: Chunky Beads, Clay, Playdough, Sand, Water, Cups, Boxes, Shape Sorter, Chunky Puzzles, Sensory Bins, Hammer and Ball Toy, Push/Pull toys, Poke a Dot Books, Textured Balls, Tag Books/Blankets, Pop up Toys

Constructive Play: Blocks, Puzzles, Art Materials, Lego, Bristle Blocks, K'nex, Magformers, Lincoln Logs, Tinker Toys, Boxes, Sticks, Gears, Zoobs, Play foam, Stacking Blocks

Dramatic Play: Doctor Set, Vet Set, Melissa and Doug Wooden Toys, Pretend food, Dress up clothes, Telephone, Cash Register, Dishes, Doll, Doll clothes, Tea Set, Stuffed Animals

TIPS

- Offer a variety of play materials
- Provide long blocks of time to play (30-50 minutes)
- Allow the child to see the toys when they enter the room