

Helpful Learning Activities for Toddlers 16-20 Months Old

Focus on: *Fine Motor Development*

Art Activities.



Use large nontoxic crayons and a large pad of paper. Felt-tip markers are more exciting with their bright colors. Let your toddler scribble his own picture as you make one.

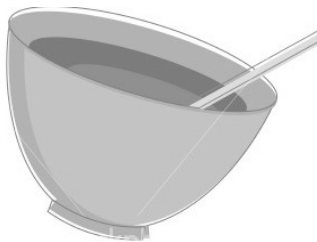
Building Blocks.

Save milk cartons or gelatin or pudding boxes. Your toddler can stack them to make towers. You can also stuff grocery bags with newspapers and tape them shut to make big blocks.



Kitchen Play.

Fill a plastic tub with cornmeal or oatmeal. Put in kitchen spoons, strainers, measuring cups, funnels, or plastic containers. Toddlers can fill, dump, pour, and learn about textures and use of objects as tools. Tasting won't be harmful.



Make Instant Pudding.

Let your toddler "help" by dumping pudding, pouring milk, and stirring. The results are good to eat or can be used for finger painting.

Putting Objects Together.

Simple puzzles (separate pieces) with knobs are great. Putting keys into locks and letters into mailbox slots is fun, too.

Selecting and Storing Objects.

A favorite pull toy often is a small wagon or an old purse for collecting things. Your toddler can practice putting favorite items and other objects in and out of it.

