

Toddler-Approved Activities: Inside Edition

Clothespin Activities:

- Matching colored clothespins to colored paper
- Taking clothespins off edge of bin
- Pick up toys with clothespins
- Make characters on clothespins and tell a story

Pom Pom Activities:

- Sort pom poms by color into bins
- Pull pom poms out of bin
- Put pom poms in weekly pill holder
- Pick up pom poms with clothespins
- Put pom poms in small jar with lid

Pipe Cleaner Activities:

- Pull pipe cleaners through colander
- Pull pipe cleaners through shoe box
- Put pipe cleaners through toilet paper roll
- Push pipe cleaners into small jar with lid
- Sort pipe cleaners by color

Water Activities:

Lay out a beach towel on the kitchen floor

- Water in large mixing bowls and big spoons
- Snow in large mixing bowls
- Add food coloring to water or snow
- Play with bath toys in mixing bowls in kitchen
- Use measuring cups to fill jars with water
- Wash toys in bowls of water
- Play with sponges and water
- Toddler fills up small pitcher at sink and walks it over to bowl, pours water in bowl then repeat

Games:

- I Spy around the house
- Play chase
- Hide and seek
- Songs with movement (Ring Around Rosey)
- Climb the stairs
- Kick, throw, hit ball into net

Pretend Play:

- Play grocery store
- Play construction site
- Play house
- Play camping
- Play airplane
- Play school
- Play restaurant
- Play cooking
- Play beauty parlor
- Dress up like mom and/or dad

Art Activities:

- Chalk
- Water colors
- Finger paint
- Dotter stamps
- Stamps
- Crayons
- Colored pencils
- Paper and pencil
- Hole punching paper
- Rubbing crayons over objects under paper
- Stickers
- Foam
- Kinetic sand
- Play Doh
- Use different types of paper to write and draw
- Different types of fabric
- Play with tape
- Beads

Cars and Trucks:

- Build a bridge using a blanket for cars to go under
- Use blocks/Legos to build a road
- Make a car wash
- Using Painters Tape, make a road on the carpet
- Use pillows to make ramps
- Use tools to fix parts

Other Activities:

- Make a fort
- Bring outside toys inside
- Puzzles
- Vacuum
- Wipe down countertops
- Laundry
- Read books
- Blocks
- Legos/Duplos/Mega Blocks
- Dance party
- Move toys to different rooms
- Bake and/or Cook
- Sing songs
- Walk around in mom and dad's shoes
- Make sensory tubes with water bottles, water, oil and food coloring
- Play with a large box and turn it into spaceship/dollhouse/airplane/fire truck/etc.