

Block Fun

Primary Objectives

- 7a. Uses fingers and hands
- 11b. Persists

Why It's Important

Blocks are ideal materials for your child to use as she practices developing her building skills and coordination. Blocks also allow her to be creative and use her imagination.

Materials

Blocks

What You Do

1. Set out different types of blocks and invite your child to use them.
2. Encourage her to build with the blocks in any way. Ask her to tell you which blocks she would like to use first.
3. Observe her attempts to place one block on top of another. Is she able to turn her hand accurately, or does it take a few seconds for her to reach her mark?
4. Ask your child about her building. *You have been working a long time. What can you tell me about your building?*
5. Join your child as she builds. *Do you think you could show me how to build a tower like yours?* Follow her lead as you build with her rather than creating your own model.
6. You can extend this activity by inviting your child to count how many blocks she has used. You may also encourage her to compare how tall her building is compared to other objects in the room.
7. If possible, designate an area in your home for your child to display her creation and share it with friends or other family members.