

## Infant Room Hybrid Learn

I wanted to make these activities as fun as possible for both you and your baby. Hope you enjoy the amazing sweet time with them.

### **1<sup>st</sup> activity: Lets Make Some Music!**

All babies love to make noise. Percussion instruments are the easiest to come up with: rattles, spoons, pots, pans and drums. Find a fun tune and play along your baby.

**Skills Learned:** Coordination, listening and musical exploration.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Create a Fort:**

Get a big box or a blanket and chairs. Make sure the fort has an entrance and an exit. Encourage your child to go in and out. (you may just have to climb in and show them) Pretend to knock on the door or ring the bell or ask if anyone is home.

**Skills Learned:** Social/emotional, gross motor skills and exploring.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Stacking**

Stacking is very simple but is always very fun and keeps babies occupied and they love it. You can choose and number of objects to stack. Stack colors, count objects how high you get make them and knock them over.

**Skills Learned:** Understanding cause and effect, fine motor skills and math.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Water Play**

Since its Summer water play is a great time to be introduced. There are many ways to this. Get a shallow plastic bin and about an inch of water and a few water toys. Let baby splash away. You can also use the same bin and use different size sponges and wash clothes. Splish splash away.

**Skills Learned:** Creative play, fine motor, social development, tactile stimulation.

### **5<sup>th</sup> Reading**

While reading to your baby you can point out pictures and change your voice to fit the characters in the book, this is a great way to stay engaging with baby. Encourage your baby to participate by touching the pictures and turning the pages and asking questions.

**Skills Learned:** Language development, listening, social/emotional development

## **6<sup>th</sup> Shakers**

You will need clean dry empty water bottles, rice (you can color the rice with food color if you like) popcorn or dry pasta. Fill the bottle  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the way up glue cap back on. Baby will shake, rattle and roll.

**Skills learned:** Fine motor, auditory and cause and effect