

Save the Sticks

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Objective: Infants who are able to pull to stand use fine and gross motor skills to free large craft sticks from the tape. Teacher uses descriptive language to narrate infant's attempts and offer help and praise to encourage attention to the task.

Learning Indicators



- *Gross Motor Development 1.2*
- *Fine Motor Development 2.1a*
- *Scientific Discovery & Critical Thinking 7.1*

Materials

- Large colorful popsicle sticks
- Masking tape

Instructions

Step 1: Place colorful popsicle sticks on top of a low shelf.

Step 2: Place two pieces of tape on the sticks to secure them to the shelf. Make sure the tape is long enough to have several inches past the stick on each side.

Step 3: Demonstrate how to pick the tape off the shelf to remove the stick. You may need to guide or demonstrate multiple times until the children feel comfortable playing independently.

Helpful hints: If children are having trouble getting the tape off, gently lift the corner of a few pieces for an easier grasp.

Learning Extension ?

- Talk about the color of the sticks while children are participating in the activity.
- Offer encouraging words and facial expressions to get the child excited about pulling the tape off.

Try This...

Make this a fun game by taping down different items or small toys from the classroom. Children enjoy pulling the tape off but it's always fun to rescue something they enjoy playing with!

