

Important

This activity should be done under adult supervision.

Parents and carers should be sure to avoid objects that are sharp, dangerous, or that could pose a choking hazard for their baby.

Treasure Baskets

Activity time:



A huge part of your baby's development is learning through play. Supporting your baby's development does not require playing with expensive or complex toys. Everyday objects can be used to entertain your baby and build upon their motor, sensory and communication skills.



What are treasure baskets?

A collection of objects, presented in a basket/container, for **infants who are old enough to sit up** but not old or mobile enough to get about and explore.

Parents/carers role:

The parent/caregiver role is also important. sit close by, be attentive and available to the child if needed but do not direct the play; let your baby explore at their own pace and make the decisions without giving in to the temptation to go through the basket yourself and show baby each item or demonstrate how to use them.



What to add to the treasure basket?

Use a variety of items with different textures that make different sounds. Items that are different in colours, and have different patterns.



Fabric Bucket
Including a Flannel, netting type material, cotton and silk.



Noisy treasure
A little tub of instruments; including a shaker, rattle, tambourine and cage bell.