

## Curriculum Share

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Age Group: Toddler

## DIY tugging box

Developmental information:

Improve fine motor skills

Threading beads can help to strengthen the small muscles in children's hands as they grasp different sized beads.

They will use various hand movements, depending on the size of the bead.



Give a toddler a box of tissues or baby wipes and you can be sure that within seconds they end up all over the floor. It is part of a child's natural response to pull at things and to see what happens. It also doesn't matter how many times they receive the same outcome, they continue to test theories and experiment.

With this in mind making the tugging box is perfect. It's so simple to make at home and it will have your little one entertained and learning through play in no time.



## Materials

- Cardboard box
- Various lengths of ribbon, strips of felt and/or pipe cleaners
- Sticky tape
- Pencil
- Paint (optional)

## How to make a DIY tugging box for young toddlers

- Optional (Paint the box)
- Puncture holes into a box and paint
- Thread various lengths of ribbon through two holes and tie knots at the ends. Use a pipe cleaner (as shown above) to help with threading.
- Seal box with tape



## Cause and Effect

Threaded each end of ribbon through two different holes (see middle image above).

Make sure there is enough length so that when your child tugs at one end it would cause the ribbon to lengthen but shorten on the opposite end.

## Sensory Experience

The various ribbons, felt strips and large pipe cleaners created a wonderful sensory experience too.

Your child might also take the time to feel the textures and the little knots that were created on the ends.



## Fine Motor Skills and Hand / Eye co-ordination

As an added task to this tugging box you can add a few pipe cleaners so your child could build on their hand/eye co-ordination as well as her fine motor skills.

Concentrating and aiming the ends into the vacant holes was the aim of the game.

Through trial and error your child will find out that by holding the pipe cleaner at the end and closer to the hole they would have greater success.

