



## JELLY WOBBLE

### Materials you need:

- 2 packets of jelly crystals (or you could just use gelatine powder and juice to make your own jelly) Trays or a table.

### Setup for play:

- Make up the jelly with a  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup less water than the directions tell you to. This ensures a firmer jelly. Refrigerate overnight.
- When set cut into chunks or cubes.
- Add a few cubes to highchair trays or trays down on a table. Encourage baby to touch and investigate as the jelly wobbles and changes shape.
- Add a few smaller cubes and see if the children can pick the slippery pieces up off the tray with their fingers and put into a bowl. What happens if we squish the jelly in our hands?
- Let the children taste the jelly and talk about textures. Ensure you have checked for allergies and with parents before you do this activity.

### What are they learning with this activity?

As the children interact with the jelly they are learning to:

- Use hand/eye coordination skills
- Develop new vocabulary and language skills
- Strengthen fine motor muscles, visual motor integration and control
- Manipulate equipment and real-life tools with increasing competence
- Explore, infer, predict and problem solve

### Extending the play:

- Use half the water when making the jelly then slice into bigger cubes to use as stacking blocks!