



TISSUE PAPER SURPRISES

Materials you need:

- Squares of tissue paper and foil.
- 3 or 4 small toys or choose from your open ended resources box.

Setup for play:

- Wrap some toys in the foil and some in the tissue paper.
- Show baby/toddlers the wrapped toys one at a time.
- Talk about the size of the package. Ask what they think is inside.
- Hand out the toys and encourage the children to investigate and unwrap them on their own
- The fun is in the wrapping...not the actual toy so don't be surprised if they show little interest in playing with the toy or object!

What are they learning with this activity?

As the children investigate and unwrap the packages they are learning to:

- Use hand/eye coordination skills and increase their spatial awareness
- Develop new vocabulary and language skills
- Recognise symbols and how things can represent other things
- Strengthen fine motor muscles, visual motor integration and control
- Manipulate equipment and real life tools with increasing competence
- Listen to and follow directions
- Recognise and follow sequences and visual cues.
- Show increasing independence and competence
- Explore, infer, predict and problem solve
- Use their imagination.

Extending the play:

- Scrunch up the tissue paper and alfoil into balls and let baby and toddler explore, touch, throw, grasp and roll.
- Put down large sheets of alfoil on the floor and tape securely. Encourage the children to crawl or walk back and forth over the foil. Add cars to push back and forth and listen for the different sounds.

