



CURLER CARTONS

Materials you need:

- 3 x empty clean egg cartons with lid removed then cut in half so you end up with 6 smaller open cartons.
- Velcro rollers of different sizes (Find them in the \$2 shops!)

Setup for play:

- Add the rollers to the cups in the egg cartons and encourage baby and toddler to pick up the rollers, feel the bristles and grasp tightly.
- Show them how to then place back into the egg carton trays and match up with the holes.
- Leave easily accessible for toddlers to pull out and play with at anytime.



What are they learning with this activity?

As the children pick up and explore the rollers they are learning to:

- Classify, sort by category and group items together by similarities, patterns and differences
- Use hand/eye coordination skills and concentration
- Manipulate small objects using pincer movements
- Strengthen fine motor muscles, visual motor integration and control
- Manipulate equipment and real life tools with increasing competence
- Persist even when they find the task difficult
- Work independently on a project
- Listen to and follow directions
- Use their senses to explore and choose materials
- Develop new vocabulary and language skills

Extending the play:

- Set up some sponge paint pads with either water paint or acrylic craft paints and some paper taped to cover length of the table.
- Add the Velcro rollers and show how to roll over the paint then onto the paper to make marks and colours.
- Add the Velcro rollers of different sizes to a basket and place in the construction/manipulative play area for sticking together to build with.

