



## SPY PAPER MAZE

### Materials you need:

- Red crepe paper cut into strips – you will need quite a few long strips so you could also just purchase the birthday party streamer rolls (colour is optional)
- Masking tape or painters tape if you are concerned about paint coming off walls.
- Hallway or space with close walls or you could arrange chairs outside on the grass if you don't have wall space indoors.

### Setup for play:

- Tell the children you are going to set up a 'laser' maze and need help deciding where the laser lines should go. Show them how to take a strip of paper and tape each end to an opposite wall (or chair or other stable surface)
- Make sure to help tape them up high as well as low and then encourage the children to do the middle spaces. Keep in mind that you may have to do some adjusting as they actually navigate through it. You want it to have a level of difficulty and be a challenge but you also want to leave enough gaps between the streamers so they can get through on their own and don't become too frustrated or give up quickly.
- Now it's over to the children to use their body movements to get through the course. Climbing over, crawling under, rolling, jumping, creeping....whatever works as long as they don't step on the red lines!

## What are they learning with this activity?

As the children build and navigate the maze they are learning to:

- Use hand/eye coordination skills and increase their own spatial and body awareness
- Recognise symbols and how things can represent other things
- Strengthen fine motor muscles, visual motor integration and control
- Express themselves creatively
- Explore, infer, predict and problem solve
- Manipulate equipment and real life tools with increasing competence
- Persist even when they find a task difficult
- Work together in a group with others
- Listen to and follow directions
- Coordinate and strengthen their large muscles as they bend, stretch, turn.

## Extending the play:

- Criss cross masking tape in a doorway and provide scrunched up newspaper balls for the children to throw at the 'sticky net'. How many can they get to stick to the tape net?

