



- 25** **Monday:** Dip ribbon in paint and throw it on pieces of paper to create an abstract painting.
*ribbons
paint
butcher paper*

- 26** **Tuesday:** Make several columns on a long sheet of butcher paper. Draw the shape of the blocks you have at the bottom of each column. Sort blocks and 'stack' in each column to graph them.
*butcher paper
marker or tape
blocks*

- 27** **Wednesday:** Dig in the dirt! Grab a shovel, some buckets, and some gloves. Dump the dirt, move the buckets around, and enjoy getting dirty. Add in a little water for some fun with mud.
*dirt
shovel or other scoop
buckets
gloves (optional)
water (optional)*

- 28** **Thursday:** Mix up a batch of bubbles in a bucket with dish soap and water. Add kitchen utensils to play with!
*tub or bucket
dish soap
water
kitchen utensils*

- 29** **Friday:** Cuddle up and read books together.

- 30/31** **Over the Weekend:** Have lunch as a picnic this weekend - either at the park or on your living room floor.

THIS MONTH'S THEME: Finding time to do activities.



Ribbon Painting

Supplies:

ribbons

paint

butcher paper

1

Lay out paper on a sidewalk, or other surface outside.

2

Dip ribbon in paint and throw in onto the paper. Pick up the ribbon and throw it again!

3

Repeat as much as desired!

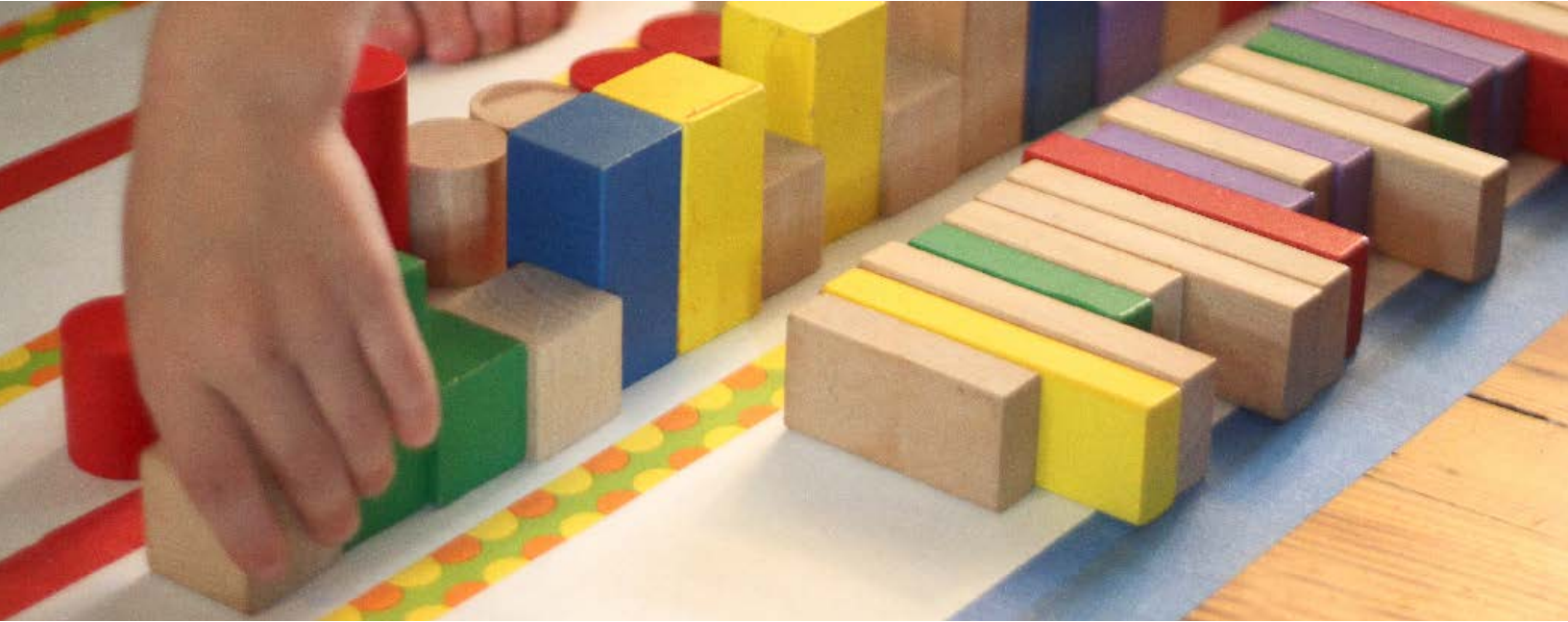


Tips:

No butcher paper? Tape several sheets of paper together during the painting process. Separate them and hang as individual art pieces!

Kids don't want to throw? Have them drip the ribbon in paint and drag it around on the paper while standing above it!

You can make your own paint by mixing flour, water and food coloring together.



Graph Blocks

Supplies:

- butcher or art paper*
- marker or tape*
- blocks*

1

On a large piece of paper, make several columns (with tape, or with markers).

2

Draw the shape of each block to graph at the bottom of each column.

3

Sort the blocks and 'stack' them in each column to graph them.



Tips:

You may find that a single block could belong in two columns (it could have a square end, but a rectangle side), let your child decide what column it goes in.

Count the blocks when you're done graphing! Write down how many you have of each on a sheet of paper.

You can also graph by color of blocks instead of shape. Try it!



Shoveling Dirt

Supplies:

- dirt*
- shovel or other scoop*
- buckets*
- gloves (optional)*
- water (optional)*

1

Grab outdoor tools to dig in the dirt, such as a shovel and buckets!

2

Fill up the buckets with dirt and dump them out! Enjoy getting dirty!

3

Add in some water to make mud (optional).



Tips:

Prepare the mess and put your child in clothes that are okay to get dirty. Hose off when you're done!

Add in pieces of nature to watch your child 'plant a garden'!

Collect dirt from around the yard and put it in a tub (older kids can help dig), or buy a bag of soil from the store.



Bubble Play

Supplies:

tub or bucket

dish soap

water

kitchen utensils

1

Squirt dish soap in a bucket and fill halfway with water.

2

Set the bucket of bubbles out along with kitchen utensils to play!

3

Have fun!



Tips:

Take this outside if at all possible, or make it an activity to do in the bath tub or sink.

Instead of adding the soap first, add it last and let your toddler mix it together to make bubbles himself.

Add favorite (hard) toys to clean them!