

Find The Bugs!



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Toddler
1.5 - 2.5 years

This is a fun activity to have your kiddo get their hands in some dirt and feel like an explorer! Using their fine motor skills, children will develop an understanding around exploration, counting and sorting to find the hidden bugs.

Learning Outcomes

Domain:

Cognitive

Skills:

Spatial Exploration

Indicator:

Exploring containment by putting objects in containers and by dumping them



Materials

- Plastic bugs
- Tweezers
- Small plastic bin
- Dirt
- Magnifying glass (optional)
- Small plastic cups (optional)



Instructions

Step 1: Fill a plastic bin with a few inches of dirt.

Step 2: Hide several plastic bugs in the dirt. Make sure you count how many you have hidden so you know how many there are to find!

Step 3: Using tweezers, have the child find all of the hidden bugs. They can also use a magnifying glass during this step.

Step 4: Have the child place each found bug into a cup.



Age Adjustments

For older kiddos: Categorize each found bug into a different cup and write down its name on a piece of paper.

For younger kiddos: If tweezers are too challenging, have the children use their hands to grab the bugs.



Playful Questions

- How many bugs can you find?
- How many bugs have we found so far?
- What types of bugs have you found?
- What colours are they?
- How does the dirt feel?