

World Play's Games and Activity Tips



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Name of Activity or Game: Ball Toss Play

Free Play Structured Play

Country of Origin and Cultural Links: I played this game with the neighbour children growing up and at elementary school.

Areas of Learning During Play: Cultural Identity Language Math Science Social Skills Problem Solving

Creativity Skill Building Others: Great game to share with families the academic foundations being learned through play!!



All ages – adjust materials depending upon the age and children's abilities. For example, soft balls or scarves for toddlers, softer homemade bags or newspaper balls for inside play...

Ages Of Children



Box or basket or chalk/tape shape on the ground.... Inside or outside

Balls – newspaper scrunched balls, soft balls, bean bags, recycled bread bag balls, etc.....

Children can try and experiment with a variety of materials...

Materials Needed



Object is to try to get the 'balls' into the basket or space. Children experiment with different distances and ways to toss their balls.

Older children can chart and graph their successes and tries.

Instructions



Adults can help select the appropriate 'balls' or materials to make balls.

You can demonstrate ideas about being closer, farther, higher lower, faster slower... etc.

Set safety rules such as stand and wait behind a line or area when waiting.

Adult Role



Tell me how your ball got in the basket. Show me all the ways you tried. How do you think you can play this game with a friend? How do you think we could make new balls, basket, shapes for the game? *Math language*-longest, shortest, farthest, closest, many, fewer, long, short, fast, slow...

"Tell me.. Show me about..."



In my toddler, preschool and school age classrooms over the years, there was always a basket with a variety of materials out to play this game inside and out. Outside children were able to use larger balls to expand the science of the play! It was great to watch the play deepen and games develop!

Other Notes