

Learning together...

Curriculum Area: Sensory Development

Recommended for: From 6 months

Learning Activity: Exploring Recycled
Materials

Big Idea:

Sustainable Practice

What to do:

Collect large and small empty cardboard boxes and cylinders rather than putting them in your recycling bin. Add tissue paper or wrap that comes inside online shopping boxes. Offer these to your child inside a box or basket. Your child will use their senses of touch, sight, smell and perhaps taste, to learn about the properties of these materials.



Benefits:

- In this open-ended experience, children can resource their own learning, express their individuality, and develop valuable dispositions for learning such as curiosity and wonder . As children manipulate the materials, they will be applying a variety of cognitive skills such a problem-solving and experimentation.

Links to Early Years Learning Framework:

Outcome 41: Children develop dispositions for learning such as curiosity, cooperation, confidence, creativity, commitment, enthusiasm, persistence, imagination, and reflexivity.

Outcome 4.4: Children resource their own learning through connecting with people, place, technologies and natural and processed materials.

Outcome 3.1: Children take increasing responsibility for their own health and physical wellbeing