



# Sponges, Sponges Everywhere

**Sponge Water Transfer** - Invite your child to work on their fine motor skills while exploring the concept of absorption with this sponge/water transfer activity. Provide your child with two bowls and a small sponge the size of their hands. Encourage them to push the sponge down to the bottom of the first bowl that has water and a few drops of food colouring in it and encourage them to transfer it to the second bowl. Once the water has been transferred - repeat!

**Sponge Build** - Supply your child with an assortment of coloured sponges cut into various shapes. Invite your child to build with these 'new soft blocks' for a different play experience. Provide a basket of small toys to encourage and spark building imagination.

**Sponge Sprout House** - Create a small house built using sponges and toothpicks to hold it together. Once the house is created, cut tiny holes in the roof to insert small, quick-growing seeds; spray your house with water and set in a sunny window.

**Sponge Boats** - Supply your child with a coloured sponge, construction paper triangles and a skewer to press into the sponge. Encourage your child to weave the triangle onto the skewer and push through the sponge. Decorate the sail with markers and then test the boat in a tub or sink.

**Sponge Painting** - Cut a set of sponges into shapes and add a clothes pin handle to use as a painting tool. Provide your child with paint and paper to sponge paint.

**Sponge Ball** - Cut a sponge into strips and stack in a bundle. Wrap a rubber band around the center. Fluff out the strips and arrange them so that they are nice and poofy! Invite your child to toss these soft balls into a basket or roll down a ramp on the stairs.

