Water Play Activities

Water play can be set up indoors or out depending on the weather!

Water Painting - This simple activity can be done in a variety of different ways. Provide your little one with a bucket of coloured water, an assortment of painting tools to paint the fence, trace around shapes (hula hoops) or on paper.

Rain Gutter Rivers - This is so simple to set up and exciting for your child to watch and learn how water flows. All you need is two sensory tubs, plastic pitchers, a section of plastic rain gutter or a pool noodle cut in half and set up between two chairs. You'll want to ensure that your river runs downhill. Then just provide cups for pouring! Your little one will have a great time pouring water down the river. If the bottom tub gets too full, they can simply fill their pitchers and carry the water back up to the top.

Sink & Float - This activity combines a nature walk or scavenger hunt with water play. While taking a walk, allow your young adventurer time to examine objects in their natural surroundings, and fill their pockets with interesting treasures! Place items one at a time in the water and observe whether each item sinks or floats.

Go Fish - Fishing in a water table, bucket or bathtub is a great water activity!To encourage your little one to catch fish provide your child with a fun fishing set or a homemade magnetic set of a stick and magnet attached to a string.Add the fish, along with other non-magnetic fish, and ask your child to see how fast they can get all of the fish out of the water.

Scoop and Find - Add some ping pong balls or other balls that will float into a water table/tub and ask your child to scoop them out into another bucket using a laddle or large spoon. If it's an extra hot day, add ICE and ask them to scoop that instead.

Treasure Hunt - Using interesting objects that will sink in the water table, ask your little one to go on a treasure hunt to recover them. Add tongs to the homemade water table and ask them to find the objects at the bottom of the sea.

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