



Books are important for children of all ages to look at and explore. Parents and child care providers can create simple books for very young children to handle.

Supplies

- ★ Blank white paper 5" x 5"
- ★ Colored construction paper
- ★ Hole puncher
- ★ Yarn
- ★ Glue stick
- ★ Marker
- ★ Clear packing tape
- ★ Photos or colorful pictures precut from magazines
- ★ Scissors



Homemade Books for Infants and Toddlers

Skills Children Learn: Pre-language development, Early literacy skills, Eye/hand coordination

Directions

- 1 Prepare blank books by placing about 10 sheets of white paper between two sheets of colored construction paper.
- 2 Hold the pages together and punch holes along one side with a hole punch.
- 3 To secure the pages, string yarn through the holes and tie.
- 4 Glue simple colorful cutout magazine photos (animals, trucks, foods) onto the pages, one photo per page.
- 5 Cover each page with clear packing tape or clear adhesive plastic shelf protector.
- 6 These books can be "read" to infants and toddlers. Because they have been protected by plastic, the books will last even when handled by youngsters.



Tips For Mixed Ages: Provide cut-out magazine pictures for 3-4 year olds. Help the children to glue the photos into the books that have already been prepared. Some 4 year olds may want to try to cut out their own pictures and to glue on their own. 5 year olds will be able to cut and paste more independently than 4 year olds. 5 year olds can be encouraged to "write" their own words.



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