

Jumbo Cardboard Building Blocks

DESCRIPTION:

Jumbo heavy cardboard blocks in different sizes

Best for ages 2 - 5

MIX & MATCH:

Add animals or figures for dramatic play

Skills:

- Spatial thinking
- Building
- Gross motor
- Language development
- Cooperative Play



Vocabulary

Design

Stacking

Structure

Construction

Bricks

Balance

Architect

Build

What are ways to introduce toy?

Tip #1

Prepare a few examples:

Create a few models/examples to show children how to build tall towers or long walls.

Tip #2

Plan building with child:

Ask children what they want to build. If they need help thinking of something, ask them about their favorite toy, book, activities, TV shows and think about objects that could be created.

Tip #3

Invite child to stack blocks

Demonstrate how to stack blocks, invite child to join you to see who can build tallest tower, work together to stack blocks

Tip #4

Play with blocks

Blocks are big enough for child to play in structures built with blocks, like a fort, house, nest, etc.

What are some questions and ways to support children's language during play?

Tip #1

Ask questions

"What would you like to build? Do you need help planning how to build (child's idea)? What do we need to make structure stable?"

Tip #2

Build on what they are saying

"I see you are building a (child's idea), can we expand it and make it bigger/more detailed/stronger?"

Tip #3

Play and model language

Model how to 'think aloud' while playing... "I want to build a tall tower, what blocks should I put on bottom?" "I want to build a house, what does a house have?"