

Mega Bloks/ Legos

DESCRIPTION:

Stackable blocks & figures

Mega Bloks best for ages 1-3

Legos best for ages 4 +

Skills:

- Building
- Planning
- Fine motor
- Creative Construction
- Language development
- Cooperative Play



Vocabulary

Design

Plan

Connect

Build

Construction

Imagination

What are ways to introduce toy?

Tip #1

Prepare a few examples:

Create a few models/examples to show children how to build different kinds of objects.

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 explore bricks

Demonstrate how to stack bricks together to build an object, if child doesn't have object in mind, suggest one or simply build a tower.

Tip #4

Invite child to play creatively

Use objects built to create stories and 'act out' stories using objects and creating more props for storyline.

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)?"

Tip #2

Build on what they are saying

"I see you are making a (child's idea), can we expand it? What else can we build?"

Tip #3

Play and model language

Model how to 'think aloud' while playing.... "I want to build a (idea), what do I need to do to make it?"