



Here's one to try at home!

Ramps/Tubes or even guttering.



Children find ramps or tubes fascinating and a seemingly simple activity provides opportunities for so much learning: Take turn to roll items (Turn taking is a tricky but essential skill for life and a key part of conversation too); Let your child select and collect the items then discuss their choices (discussing the properties of the items provides opportunities for extending vocabulary—and don't shy away from technical vocabulary "balls are spheres and there are no edges or points to stop them rolling"); bring in counting by suggesting they roll "three cars;" invite them to predict whose ball will roll the furthest. Oh, and please send us photos!



Another great activity to try at home is using tongs or tweezers to pick up a selection of items (scooping with spoons is a good starting point and using clothes pegs can be more challenging). This is a great way to strengthen muscle of the hand. We used cotton wool balls here (pasta shapes, pompoms and crunched paper work too). How many fit?

