

Activity 6 – Fine Motor Skills

Colander hedgehog or flower arrangement

What to do

- Collect the pokable materials and place a colander upturned
- Challenge your child to:
 - poke as many pipe cleaners/ twigs/ spaghetti sticks in the holes to make a hedgehog/ monster etc.
 - create a flower/nature arrangement by sticking stems through the holes.

What you need

An upturned colander

Things you can poke in the holes, e.g. *pipe cleaners, dry spaghetti, thin twigs, picked flowers with thin stems, leaves with long stems*



Extension

Turn the colander up the other way and challenge your child to make a web/weave with thread and a blunt sewing needle or pipe cleaners.
Mix and match things to poke through (e.g. *leaves and twigs*).
Make an arrangement as a table decoration.

Questions to ask

What animal have you made?
What is it called?
How many twigs have you used?
Can you make a pattern?
How can we fit things through the holes more easily?