



Texture Treasure Hunt



Introduction

Texture Treasure Hunt is a fun opportunity to explore your home and make some unique art. This can be as neat or messy as you'd like depending on what you have in the house. Get ready for your texture treasure hunt!

Early Literacy Connection

Texture Treasure Hunt is a great opportunity for Play! Open-ended play allows children to be creative and make connections to the world around them. By exploring the textures of items inside their home and out in the world, they can learn more about the objects they see every day.



This is also excellent practice for Writing, since texture rubbings and manipulating objects helps build hand strength, and holding crayon and pencils helps children prepare for writing in school.

Texture Treasure Hunt is a good way to introduce children to some basic Science concepts. Kids can compare the visual and tactile textures of things that are natural and man-made. This is also an opportunity to discuss the five senses and how they work together. What's the difference between something looking rough and feeling rough? You can also have your child close their eyes and touch different objects and talk about how they feel.

Supplies

- Paper
- Crayon, pencil, or colored pencil
- Washable paint (optional)

Instructions

1. Choose some objects and places inside and outside your home to use for texture rubbings. This can be toys, plates, floor tiles, textured walls, tree bark, leaves, or walkways. Have your child write the name of each object on the edge of the paper so they can be identified later, or have them tell you what to write if they're not able to yet.
2. If you want to get messier, you can choose some washable items in your house to make texture stamps. Toy cars, balls, LEGO, and hand towels are all items that are easily cleaned and could make interesting patterns on paper. Just remember, less is more if you're using paint to stamp!
3. Make your rubbings by placing items under paper and rubbing crayon on the paper above them; or, when using paint dip the item lightly in the paint and press onto the paper.

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4. Once you've made your leaf rubbings or stamps, you can use them for other art activities later, like making a fun collage or decoration for your wall.

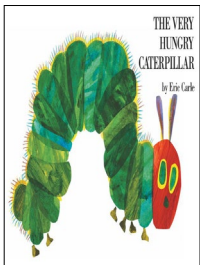
Review

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Ask your child what they expect things to feel like before they touch them, and why they think that. Have them compare different textures of similar objects. For instance, some rocks are very smooth and some feel rougher. Some surfaces have interesting textures but don't make great rubbings, like blankets or upholstery. Ask them why they think that is. Open-ended questions are a great way to help them make connections and come up with ideas, even if they're sometimes wrong.

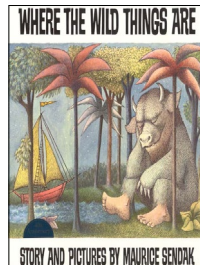
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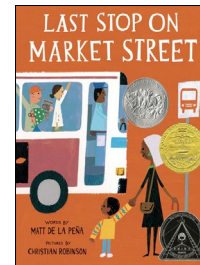
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