COLOUR & COLLECT

MATERIALS

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- An egg carton
- Markers OR crayons OR paints
- Optional: Stickers or items to decorate with

This activity is inspired by our Trains & Tots programs at the PumpHouse. The program runs on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the summer.

About Trains & Tots
Each week we engage our eyes, ears, and hands in developmentally appropriate activities designed to stimulate and support child development in the early years.

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Let's explore the world through colour! Using eyes and hands, tots will create a colourful container and go on a hunt to fill it with colourful objects.

BIG QUESTION   What objects can we find that match the cup colour?

Step by step activity instructions on next page.

BONUS QUESTIONS!

What colours do you see?
How many blue/red/yellow/green objects did you see?

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PREPARE YOUR SUPPLIES

1. Prepare your materials.

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2. Colour each cup a different colour.

Optional: Decorate the rest of your egg carton!

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3. Collect objects of each colour and put them in the corresponding cup.

Younger tots: Prepare mouth-safe coloured objects ahead of time. Place them in front of your tot and encourage them to grasp and drop each object into the correct colour cup.

Older tots: Encourage them to focus on one colour at a time. Walk, find the object and place it in the cup. You can also encourage them to think ahead by brainstorming together to come up with items for specific colours .

PAIR WITH A BOOK!

Books are a wonderful way to encourage a love for reading and expose children to sounds, letters and words early.

The book *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you see?* by Bill Martin Jr. is an excellent book to pair with this activity. Click here for a reading of the book on YouTube.

EXTEND:

Extend literacy by encouraging children to find objects that start with the same letter as the colour of the cup.

Example: For a purple cup, find an object that starts with the letter 'P' or the sound /p/.

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