

Toddler Activity 1

Colorful Recycled Creations



Materials

Different recycled materials, glue, tape, scissors, markers



Instructions

Set out the materials and invite children to freely explore and create their own ideas. Prompt children to think about the different lines, shapes, and colors they notice as they create. Encourage them to engage with the materials by ripping, bending, taping, and practicing cutting (with child-safe scissors) to strengthen their fine motor skills. Offer adult support as needed and acknowledge any feelings that arise.



Engineering, Art, Movement, Math

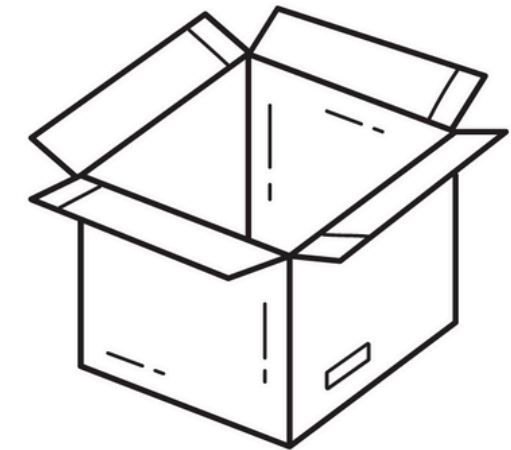
ECSEL Prompts



- I can see you have a big smile on your face, and I just heard you say, "I did it!" When we do things all by ourselves, it can make us feel so cozy and proud. Can you say "proud"?
- You're trying to cut with the scissors but you can't do it? I can see that that is bothering you. Sometimes when I try and try to do something but I can't, it makes me feel frustrated. Is that how you are feeling? Would you like some help?

Tips

If your child is feeling stuck on what to create, print out pictures of different structures, animals, robots, or anything else they might be interested in to visually jumpstart inspiration!



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