

Starcatchers' #WeeInspirations

5 ways with... POM POMS!

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Sorting Can you sort the pom poms by colour? By size? Can you place, throw or roll them into groups? This is a great sensory play experience that builds the foundations of numeracy and counting.

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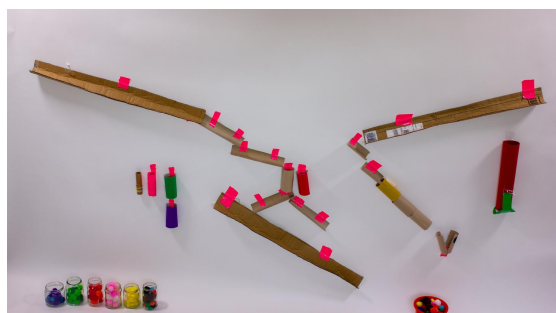
Make it rain! Fill an umbrella, a bowl or cup and scatter the pom-poms from above. How many can we catch? What does it feel like as they fall on us? What happens if we twirl as they rain down? A fun whole body creative experience with lots of chances to chat.

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Pom pom people Using clothes pegs to grab some pom poms is great fine motor exercise...and then you have your own pom-pom people! Do different colours or sizes have different personalities or voices? Add faces if you like, using stickers or pens.

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Pom pom run Cut toilet rolls, wrapping paper centres or long tubes in half and let your wee one tape them up on a wall. Explore which angles are best for rolling pom poms down, build tracks or use paper to create 'doors' at the end.

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Get stuck in!

Use some sticky back plastic or loop sticky tape to create a sticky 'canvas' to let wee ones create their own pom-pom art! Windows, curved surfaces or mirrors add extra challenge and interest.

And Remember...

Start with where your wee ones' interests are and gradually move into other, less familiar ways of exploring - once they 'know' pom poms are fun, they're more likely to stay engaged. Rather than telling them what to do, get stuck in yourself and pause sometimes to wonder aloud, or ask for help.



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