

Clip Worms



Materials Needed:

- Recycled paper towel tube cut into strips
- Googly eyes
- Colored paper clips (large and small)
- Hot glue gun
- Scissors to cut paper towel tube

Activity Additions:

- Die (number and/or color)

Skills Encouraged:

- Fine motor coordination, manipulation and control
- Fine motor precision
- Finger strength
- Grasp patterns
- Bilateral coordination
- Eye-hand coordination
- Visual perception
- Color recognition

Activity Additions:

- Arch development
- Counting

Activity Directions:

1. Adult prepares clip worms by cutting paper towel tubes into strips and hot gluing googly eyes.
2. Have child place paper clips onto the worm bodies in targeted ways such as one color, alternating color patterns, alternating paper clip placement, or alternating size placement. You choose based on the skill level of the child completing the task.

Activity Tips:

1. Bending the worms in the opposite direction will help reduce the amount of curling the worm strip has when assembling paper clips.
2. Using larger paper clips can improve a child's grasp and requires less fine motor precision.

Activity Additions:

1. Have child roll a number and/or color die to sort and place paper clips.

*All activities should be completed with adult supervision to ensure child safety. See full disclaimer statement.