

## Babies

# Treasure Basket Play

### YOU WILL NEED

Any basket or large container filled with everyday objects made from natural materials (try to avoid toys and plastic).

Examples include; leather gloves, brushes, spoons, wooden blocks, small containers, sponges, fabric, flannels, and tin foil. The possibilities are endless but avoid anything that might present a choking hazard as babies often explore with their mouths.



### WHAT TO DO

Put all your household objects into the basket and watch your baby explore. Ensure you are supervising but step back and allow your baby to lead their explorations, responding to them as they initiate communication.

### LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT

Babies learn through their senses, and this activity provides sensory stimulation which supports early brain development. Babies develop physical skills as they reach for and handle objects; communication skills as they maintain focus on the objects presented to them; and thinking skills as they consider what they can do with the objects in the basket.