

Top Tips to Support Your Child's Development

Cognitive Skills

Teaching your child to count out the correct quantity – many children find this difficult and need visual support to help them develop an understanding of quantity

1. Build towers with Duplo bricks and match them up to number cards set out on a tray.
2. Cut out egg cartons to create a set of quantities for counting objects into.
3. Collect a range of cartons and trays that are used for fruit and veg packaging – they come in a variety of sizes so you can count out objects into them.
4. Make number frames of different quantities using lollipop sticks.
5. Use coloured tape on the floor to make giant number frames and count out plastic plates into the frames.
6. Make a home-made abacus for counting using household objects such as pipe cleaners, skewers, beads or buttons.
7. Make number biscuits and count out different amounts of smarties or chocolate chips onto each one.
8. Use baby wipe lids to make counting frames and ask your child to count out buttons into each frame.
9. Stick numbers onto the front of tin cans and count objects into them.
10. Make simple fruit kebab recipes and count fruit pieces onto the skewer.

