

Tissue Paper Play

Primary Objectives

11d. Shows curiosity and motivation

Why It's Important

When you provide your child with a variety of objects to explore, you help her notice how these materials react to her touch. She will also learn about various textures and how they feel.

Materials

Sheets of tissue paper

What You Do

1. Place the tissue paper within your child's reach. Invite her to explore the tissue paper.
2. Describe what your child is doing, seeing, feeling, and hearing: *You grabbed the blue piece of tissue paper. It went up in the air when you kicked it with your foot. It is crumbling in your fist. It is making a crinkling noise.*
3. Engage in play with her. You may hold a sheet of tissue paper up to your face to play peek-a-boo or sing a song about kites as you wave the paper through the air.
4. Model different ways to explore the tissue paper by crumpling some in your hand or throwing it in the air. *Look how the red piece floats. The paper is making a rustling sound when we touch it.*
5. If your child draws the tissue paper toward her mouth, redirect her by showing her other ways to play with it. *Let's use our hands to play with the tissue paper. See how I pat, pat, pat the tissue paper with my hand?*
6. Continue the activity for as long as your child is interested. Discard the sheets when she is no longer exploring the tissue paper.