

30 Days of Fine Motor Activities (Ages 0–6)

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Description

Week 1: Getting Started with Hands

Activity

Put different buttons in a bowl. Ask your child to 1. Sort Buttons separate them by size or color. Skill: sorting, hand control. Give thick crayons and scrap paper. Let them draw lines, 2. Color with Crayons shapes, or even "scribble." Skill: grip strength. Show your child how to clip paper clips on the edge of bond 3. Paper Clips on Paper paper. Skill: finger coordination. 4. Make a Sock Puppet Use an old sock, glue paper eyes, or draw with markers. Let your child "talk" with it. Skill: creativity, hand use. Draw a straight line on paper. Give child-safe scissors and 5. Cut a Straight Line guide them as they cut. Skill: scissor control. Thread pasta (macaroni/penne) on string or yarn. Color the 6. Make a Pasta Necklace pasta with food coloring if you want. Skill: hand-eye coordination. Cut strips of paper, loop them into circles, and tape to make 7. Paper Garlands chains. Skill: cutting + gluing.



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Week 2: Creative & Nature Fun

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Pick rocks outside. Use washable paint to decorate. Skill: 8. Collect and Paint Rocks painting, grip. Start with 2–3 piece puzzles for small kids; increase difficulty as 9. Do a Puzzle they grow. Skill: problem solving. Dip cotton buds in paint and make dots on paper. 10 Paint with Cotton Buds Skill: precision. 11. Pick Up Pom-Poms Use kitchen tongs or tweezers to move pom-poms into a cup. with Tweezers Skill: finger strength. Arrange real flowers in a cup, or cut paper flowers and tape 12. Make a Flower Bouquet them to straws. Skill: arranging, creativity. Show how to use a sharpener. Let them try with supervision. 13. Sharpen a Pencil Skill: hand twisting. Cut straws into pieces and thread them on yarn. 14. Thread Straw Pieces Skill: threading, patience.



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Week 3: Building Daily Skills

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15. Tear Paper	Let kids tear old newspaper or magazine pages into strips. Skill: finger strength.
16. Sticker Fun	Let them peel stickers and stick them to paper. Skill: finger dexterity.
17. Finger Painting	Use washable paint (or ketchup on paper for safe play). Let them smear and make shapes. Skill: sensory play.
18. Clothespin Challenge	Clip clothespins onto cardboard edges. Skill: pinch grip.
19. Make Shapes with Clay	Use playdough (or homemade version: flour + salt + water + oil). Make balls, snakes, or shapes. Skill: squeezing muscles.
20. Spoon Transfer	Transfer beans or rice from one bowl to another using a spoon. Skill: coordination, control.
21. Thread Shoelaces	Practice threading laces through shoes or cardboard with holes. Skill: independence skill.

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Week 4: Fun and Challenging

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22. Button a Shirt	Let kids tear old newspaper or magazine pages into strips. Skill: finger strength.
23. Open and Close Containers	Practice twisting bottle caps, food containers, or lunchboxes. Skill: everyday independence.
24. Sort Coins	Sort ₱1, ₱5, ₱10 coins by size. Skill: sorting, life skill.
25. Fold Paper	Teach folding paper in half, then into quarters. Skill: sequencing.
26. Draw Shapes	Practice circles, triangles, and squares. Skill: pre-writing.
27. Build with Blocks	Use Lego, wooden blocks, or even tissue boxes. Skill: stacking, balance.
28. Stack Beads on a T oothpick Clay	Stick a toothpick in clay and let kids stack beads. Skill: steady hand control.



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29. Spray with Water Bottle Let your child spray plants with water. Skill: finger muscles.

30. Brain Gym with Hands

Do simple finger games: tap each finger to thumb, clap patterns, or "follow the hand." Skill: coordination.

Parent Notes

- Supervise always when using small objects (coins, buttons, beads).
- If your child struggles, break tasks into smaller steps.
- Use praise: "Wow, you clipped three papers!" not just "Good job."
- Repetition builds skill, repeat favorites often.