



Look, It's Moving

Move a toy slowly and let your baby follow it with their eyes.

Helps Your Child Grow



Emergent Mathematical Thinking

Tracking a slowly moving toy gives your baby direct experience of an object changing position along a path.

Steps

- Hold a toy where your baby can see it and wait for their gaze to settle.
- Move the toy very slowly from side to side and watch whether their eyes follow.
- If their gaze slips away, return the toy to the center and say, "The toy is here," giving them another chance to find it.
- When their eyes follow the movement, smile and respond warmly.
- Because attention is still brief at this age, try a few short rounds at different times of day.

Tips

- Move the toy extremely slowly - about the pace of a crawling turtle - so your baby has plenty of time to respond.
- Choose toys with strong contrast, such as black and white or red and yellow. At 2 months, bold contrasts and clear shapes are easier to notice.

Observations

- Tracks the slowly moving toy with their eyes
- Plays back and forth with you