



Tap Two Blocks Together

Explore sounds with blocks. Reaching, grasping, and bringing two objects together gives your baby practice coordinating their hands and eyes.

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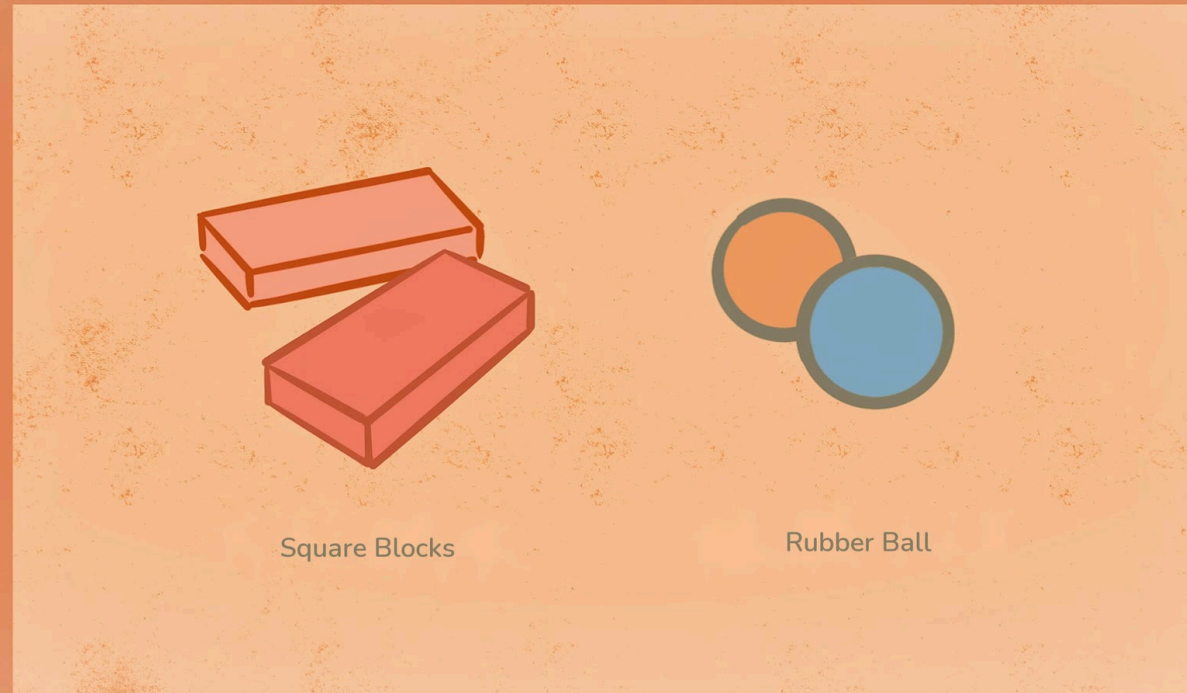
Exploration and Discovery

Tapping blocks and other objects lets your baby discover that different actions and materials can make different sounds.



Fine Motor

Grasping a block in each hand and bringing the two together gives your baby practice coordinating their eyes and hands.



What You'll Need

1. Square blocks and a rubber ball



Offer Two Blocks

Sit face-to-face with your baby on a play mat. When they pick up one block, slowly offer another and see whether they can hold one in each hand. If a block drops, offer it again and give them time to reach.

Observations

- Opens a hand and grasps a block you offer
- Repeatedly opens a hand and lets a block fall

Tips

- Move slowly as you offer the second block. This makes your action easier to see and gives your baby time to reach.
- Your baby may repeatedly open their hand and drop a block. The repetition is an exploration of cause and effect: let go, and it falls.



Show How to Tap

Hold one block in each hand and tap them together: “Tap, tap!” If your baby is unsure what to do, gently guide their hands through the motion once, then let go and wait. When they begin tapping, join in and listen to the sounds together.

Observations

- Taps a block and notices the sound
- Copies you by tapping two blocks together

Tips

- The blocks do not need to meet on the first try. Each attempt gives your baby practice aiming and coordinating both hands.
- Give your baby plenty of time to try the movement independently. Their aim can become more precise through repetition.
- Draw attention to the result with a short comment: “You tapped them. That made a sound!”



Compare Different Sounds

Offer objects made from different materials. Let your baby tap them together and listen. When they begin experimenting, describe the sounds you hear: "The blocks sound hard. The ball sounds soft and quiet."

Observations

- Taps different objects together and listens to how the sounds change
- Shows excitement after hearing a tapping sound

Tips

- When your baby is absorbed in tapping, watch quietly and leave room for exploration. Respond to a specific action or expression when they look toward you.
- A six-month-old baby's attention may shift quickly when a new sight or sound appears nearby.