



Colorful Ribbon Pull

Let your baby look at, touch, and pull colorful ribbons, then explore how the ribbons go into and come out of a bottle.

Helps Your Child Grow



Fine Motor

Reaching for, grasping, pinching, and pulling a ribbon gives your baby practice coordinating what they see with precise hand movements.



Emergent Mathematical Thinking

Watching a ribbon move while pushing it into and pulling it from a bottle helps your baby experience the contrast between inside and outside.



What You'll Need

1. A clear, shatter-resistant plastic bottle
2. colorful ribbons



Ribbons Float and Flutter

Place several ribbons in front of your baby. Blow, curl, and fold them to show different ways they can move. You can also let a ribbon slide gently across your baby's hand or arm so they can feel its texture.

Observations

- ☐ Reaches out to pull the ribbon
- ☐ Puts the ribbon in the mouth

Tips

- Choose a bright ribbon that stands out clearly; high-contrast colors are easier for a young baby to notice.
- Move a ribbon where your baby can see it, or brush it gently across their palm, to invite them to reach and explore.



The Ribbons Go Inside

Once your baby is familiar with the ribbons, place them into the bottle one at a time. Let your baby touch and shake the bottle and watch the ribbons move inside, then compare where the ribbons are when they are inside and outside.

Observations

- Watches as you push the ribbon into the bottle
- Grasps the ribbon and tries to push it into the bottle

Tips

- Describe the change as it happens: “The ribbon went inside the bottle!”
- If your baby is interested, invite them to push a ribbon into the opening and watch it go inside.



Pull the Ribbons Out

Leave one end of a ribbon at the opening and slowly pull it out. Then invite your baby to try. They may pull a ribbon, tip the bottle, or experiment with another way to get the ribbons out.

Observations

- Pinches the ribbon between the thumb and index finger and pulls it out
- Pulls out the ribbon and tries to put it back

Tips

- Use words such as “inside,” “outside,” and “out it comes” as the ribbon changes position.
- Your baby may pull a ribbon out and push it back in again. Give them time to repeat the action in their own way.
- If your baby prefers holding or shaking the bottle, that is another way of exploring what the objects can do.