



The Candy Box of the Bear



The Bear's Candy Box

Invite your baby to drop pom-poms into a box and pour them out again. Playful sounds and small changes keep the repeated hand movements interesting.

Helps Your Child Grow



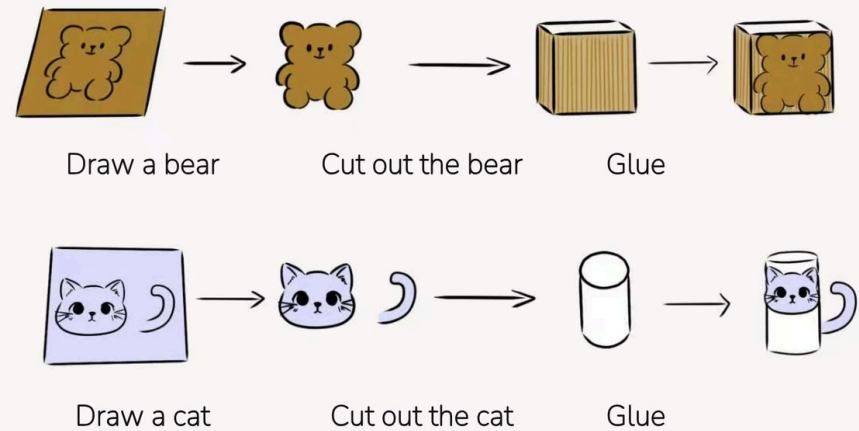
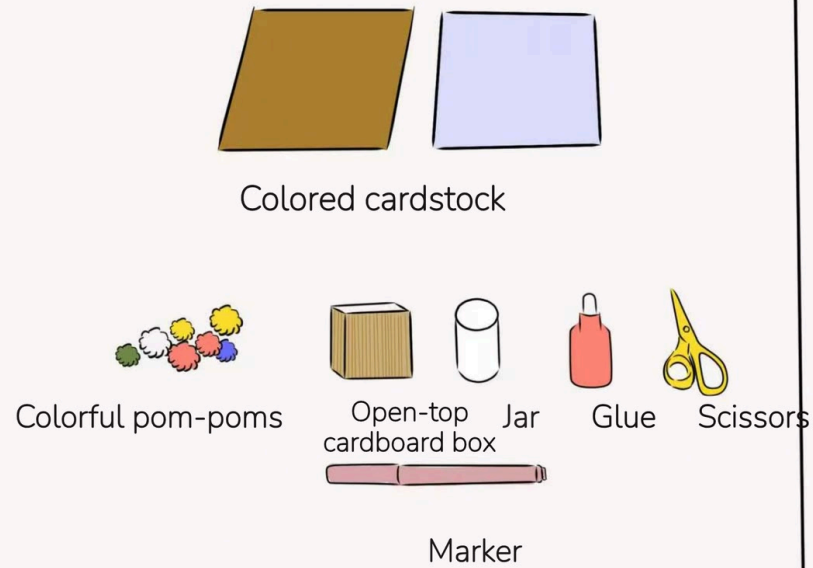
Fine Motor

Repeatedly placing pom-poms in a container, pouring them out, and reaching for them gives your baby practice coordinating their eyes and hands and controlling small movements.



Initiative and Curiosity

Changing the container and the challenge helps your baby stay curious and continue exploring the same action in a new way.



What You'll Need

1. Several pom-poms, an open-top box, and a narrow-mouth container



Feed the Bear Some Candy

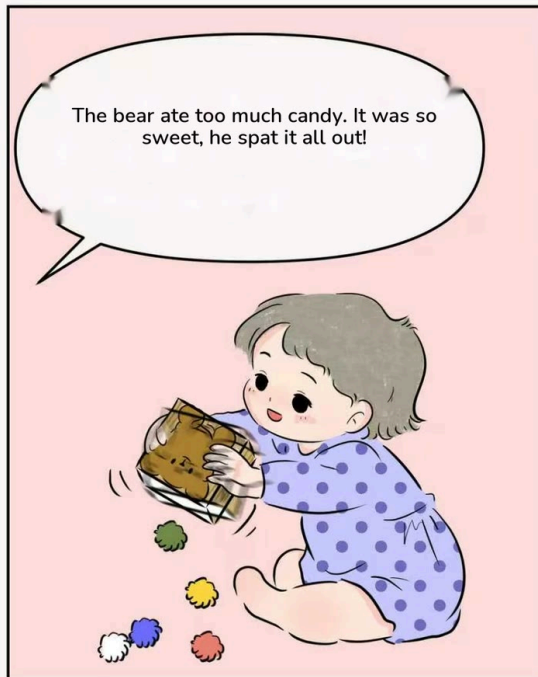
Pretend that the pom-poms are candy for a bear. Drop one into the box and add a funny sound to catch your baby's attention. When they come closer, encourage them to place the pom-poms in one at a time.

Observations

- Comes to see what is happening after hearing your playful sound
- Copies you by placing a pom-pom in the box

Tips

- Add a playful “plop” or “boop” each time your baby drops in a pom-pom.
- At nine months, babies often enjoy putting objects in and taking them out. Watching each object move supports skills related to #C-EMT.
- Respond when your baby succeeds so the shared moment encourages another try.



Pour Them Out and Start Again

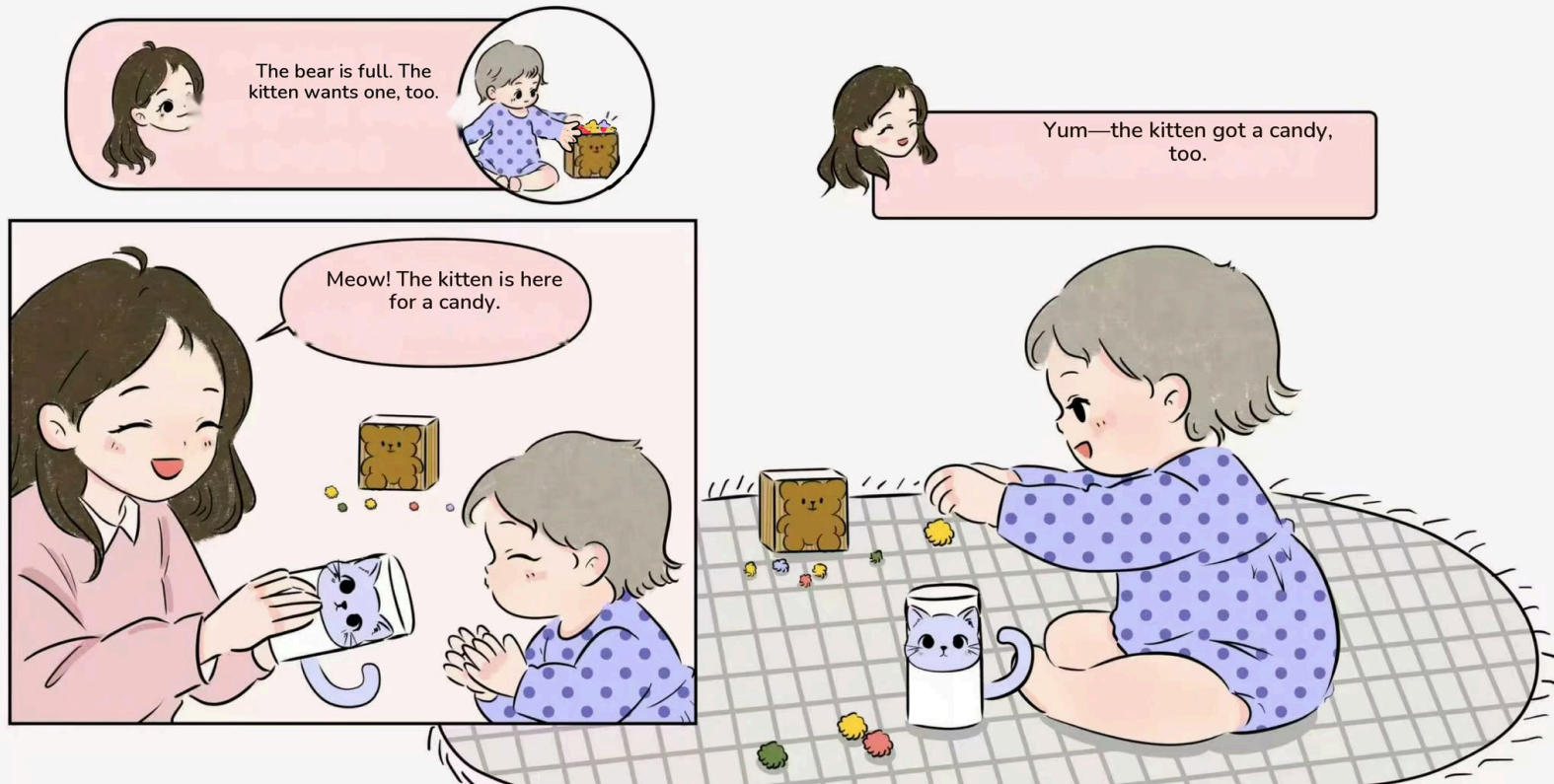
After your baby has dropped in a few pom-poms, give them time to explore. They may lift the box and pour everything out. Invite them to feed the bear again and repeat the in-and-out game.

Observations

- Puts pom-poms in the box and pours them out again
- Repeatedly puts in and pours out pom-poms while you play nearby

Tips

- Putting the pom-poms in and pouring them out gives repeated practice with skills related to #PMP-FiM.
- Turning the box over and watching the pom-poms fall also supports skills related to #C-EnD.



Feed the Kitten Too

Once your baby can place pom-poms in the open box, offer a container with a smaller opening, such as a jar. The new fit creates a fresh challenge while keeping the familiar game interesting.

Observations

- Keeps trying to put pom-poms into the jar
- Places a pom-pom into a container with a smaller opening

Tips

- As your baby becomes more skillful, try containers with progressively smaller openings and let them explore how each one changes the action.
- Watch your baby's interest and adjust the container or difficulty when the game becomes too easy or frustrating.
- If the new container is difficult, guide one pom-pom in together. Offer less help after the motion becomes familiar.