Tape Puzzles

Set-up: 3 min

Toddlers and preschoolers love filling spaces – packing, stacking, ordering. This simple activity turns it into a game!

What You Need:
- Painters tape (or other not-too-sticky tape)
- Blocks or other materials to fill the space – cloth, paper, cut pieces of cardboard, jar lids, etc.

To Play:

1. Find a comfortable space on a floor or rug. Use the tape to mark off an enclosed space.
2. Have the child fill in the space with the blocks or other materials.
3. Do it again with the same or different objects.

Extend the Fun

Tape a small space and simply see whether a single object can fit inside or not. Separate the objects into ‘fit’ and ‘don’t fit’ piles.

ADJUST THE CHALLENGE

Tape a small space on the wall at the floor level. See if you can cover the space by stacking materials.

Mix It Up:
- Using the tape, create different shapes to be filled.

Another Take:
- Instead of tape, try filling a shoe box lid or plastic bin to keep the pieces contained.