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A Day of Play

Sticky Collage

PLAY is learning! Turn collage art into process art by focusing on the act of creating and playing with different materials, colors, and textures without worrying about the finished product. This is an opportunity to build your child's vocabulary and practice fine motor skills.

MATERIALS:

- Blank paper
- Stickers, paper scraps in different colors, textures, and shapes, fabric scraps, pictures cut from magazines
- Tape or glue stick

HOW TO PLAY:

Let your child explore the materials, feel all the different textures, and comment on the colors.

Demonstrate how to stick a sticker on the paper and how to tape or glue the collage materials. Then, let your child be creative and make the collage their own!

Experiment with filling a small piece of paper, then get creative with larger paper.

Safety tip: Watch your children as they discover and explore the sticky collage. Always supervise your child with small objects that may be a choking hazard.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT:

- Touch and talk about the tape or glue. "When you touch it, will your finger stick? Yes, it's so sticky! Is the paper sticky? No it's not, but it is smooth!"
- Combine color, counting, and shape recognition skills with your child. Simple prompts like "Do you want to stick the blue pom pom on paper?" fosters language development.

