**Safety First!**

Make sure items from around the home are safe to use.

**Avoid objects that:**

* Have small parts or parts that might break off
* Have sharp, rough edges
* May have contained substances that could make a child sick (e.g. medicine, dishwashing liquid, etc.)
* May be old and contain prohibited substances like lead, paint chips.

**Here are some commonly found items that can be used to support a young child’s development: \*\*Please ensure that the commonly found item is developmentally appropriate and safe to use with your child\*\***

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| Acorns |
| Balloons |
| Basket |
| Bins |
| Birdseed |
| Blankets |
| Books |
| Boxes – food, tissue, packing, etc. |
| Bread pan |
| Broom |
| Bubble wrap |
| Bubbles |
| Bucket |
| Calculator (no batteries) |
| Cell phone (no battery)  |
| Chip Clips (bonus – with a magnet!)  |
| Chop sticks |
| Clothespins |
| Clothing (be careful of loose buttons) |
| Coaster |
| Colander |
| Computer keyboard |
| Cookie sheet |
| Cotton balls |
| Couch cushions |
| Diaper box |
| Driftwood |
| Dry beans |
| Dry pasta |
| Dry popcorn kernels |
| Dust Ban |
| Egg Cartoons |
| Empty cans (with smooth edges) |
| Empty food boxes & containers |
| Empty spice containers |
| Empty wipes container |
| Fabric / fabric scraps  |
| Feathers (large) |
| Flashlight |
| Flour |
| Flowers |
| Fruits |
| Grass clippings |
| Greeting cards (used) |
| Hats |
| Ice |
| Junk mail |
| Ladle |
| Laundry basket |
| Leaves |
| Magazines |
| Measuring cups |
| Microwave dinner tray |
| Milk / Juice jugs |
| Milk/drink tops (large) |
| Mint Container (empty) |
| Mirrors |
| Mop |
| Mud!  |
| Muffin papers |
| Muffin tins |
| Newspaper |
| Packing peanuts |
| Paper |
| Paper towel rolls  |
| Paper towels |
| Pillows |
| Pinecones |
| Pipe cleaners |
| Plastic bowls |
| Plastic cookie cutters |
| Plastic ice cube trays |
| Plastic lids |
| Plastic or paper cups |
| Plastic or paper plates |
| Plastic plant pots |
| Plastic Spoons |
| Popsicle sticks |
| Potholder |
| Potato  |
| Potato Masher |
| PVC pipe (clean!) |
| Q-Tips |
| Remote control (without batteries)  |
| Ribbon |
| Rice |
| Rocks |
| Rope |
| Salad spinner |
| Salt |
| Sand / dirt |
| Seeds (large)  |
| Shaving cream |
| Sheets |
| Shells  |
| Shovel |
| Snow |
| Socks |
| Spatula |
| Sponges |
| Spray bottles |
| Sticks |
| Straw / Hay |
| Straws |
| Styrofoam packing materials (large) |
| Suitcase |
| Tape |
| Tin foil |
| Tires |
| Tissue paper |
| Toilet paper |
| Toilet paper rolls |
| Tongs |
| Towels |
| Tree bark |
| Turkey baster |
| Vegetables |
| Velcro wallet |
| Washcloth |
| Water |
| Water |
| Water/Soda bottles |
| Watering can |
| Wax paper |
| Whisk |
| Wrapping paper  |
| Wrapping paper rolls |
| Yarn |
| Yogurt container |
| Zipper |