

# Button Stacking



**Activity:** Children will stack assorted buttons onto various lengths of dry spaghetti secured in a play dough base.

## Objective

The child will use hand-eye coordination to complete a task.

## Targeted Standards

### I. Physical Development

**I.B.c.2.** Increasingly coordinates hand and eye movements to carry out a variety of actions with increasing precision

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## Procedures

1. Break strands of dry spaghetti into various lengths.
2. Invite a child to flatten the bottom of a piece of playdough and insert several spaghetti strands in it.
3. Provide a variety of buttons with holes and invite the child to stack them onto the spaghetti strands.
4. Create a classroom “button sculpture” display.

## Materials Needed

Dry Spaghetti  
Assorted buttons with holes  
Playdough

## Checking for Understanding

Children will demonstrate their understanding of the lesson by carefully stacking buttons onto dry spaghetti strands.

## Scaffolding

- To decrease the difficulty of the activity, use round tip toothpicks and buttons with large holes.
- To increase the difficulty of this activity, challenge the child to use tweezers to pick up the buttons and place them on the spaghetti.

## Extensions

- Encourage the child to count how many buttons he can place on the spaghetti.
- Challenge the child to use the buttons and spaghetti to create simple patterns.