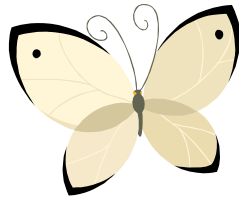


# Treasure baskets

## Playing safely...

Treasure baskets are safe as long as you are careful to supervise your baby at all times and check for damaged resources regularly.

**Never leave a baby unattended while playing with a treasure basket.**



For more information about how treasure baskets can support and promote your baby's development, or if you have any questions, please speak to a member of staff.

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## What are treasure baskets?

A treasure basket is a container filled with a selection of mostly natural objects attractive to babies.

A treasure basket allows the baby to reach in and explore a wide range of textures, shapes, weights, sounds and smells.

Treasure baskets are helpful to babies development as they allow for the exploration of a range of items the baby may not usually come across as the majority of manufactured baby toys are made from plastic.



Babies are on an exciting journey of discovery and as they learn how to sit up they want to find out about the world around them. If you fill the basket with lots of exciting household objects you will give baby a wide sensory experience which will support and promote their development. Exploring supports your babies brain development by strengthening the correct neural pathways.

## What can I put in my treasure basket?

Treasure baskets can contain any safe household item or natural resource. Try the following to start with:

- Wooden spoon
- Pastry brush
- Balloon whisk
- Sponge
- Bundle of keys
- Bath chain
- Tablespoon
- Large fir cones
- Scented pouches (fill with lavender or herbs and sew along the top to avoid spills.)



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