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We have popped together some activities for you to try over the Easter holidays. Our activities are focused on textures, having fun with your baby and introducing them to some new experiences. We have paint, sensory baskets and messy play!

Please follow the guidelines and ensure the safety of your baby at all times. We are providing the activities to enable you to play and spend time with your baby but you are in charge of supervising your baby and ensuring their safety at all times.

Safety first - please ensure that your little one is supervised with the toy at all times. Keep your little one in arms reach and eye sight when they are playing



No mess painting



No mess painting is an amazing way to increase the textures into play without the risk of paint going near a mouth. It is an amazing tummy time activity and great for taping down to high chair tables to give our sitting babies an opportunity to explore too.

There is a printable easter egg design included in this printable that you can print on paper or cardboard (use very little paint if it is on paper)

No mess painting

Pop your printed design in a ziplock bag and squeeze small amount of paint onto the design. Secure the bag and tape down if necessary to ensure that the paint stays securely away from your baby. Ikea bags are amazing as they have double seals and they are a bit thicker if you have them to hand.

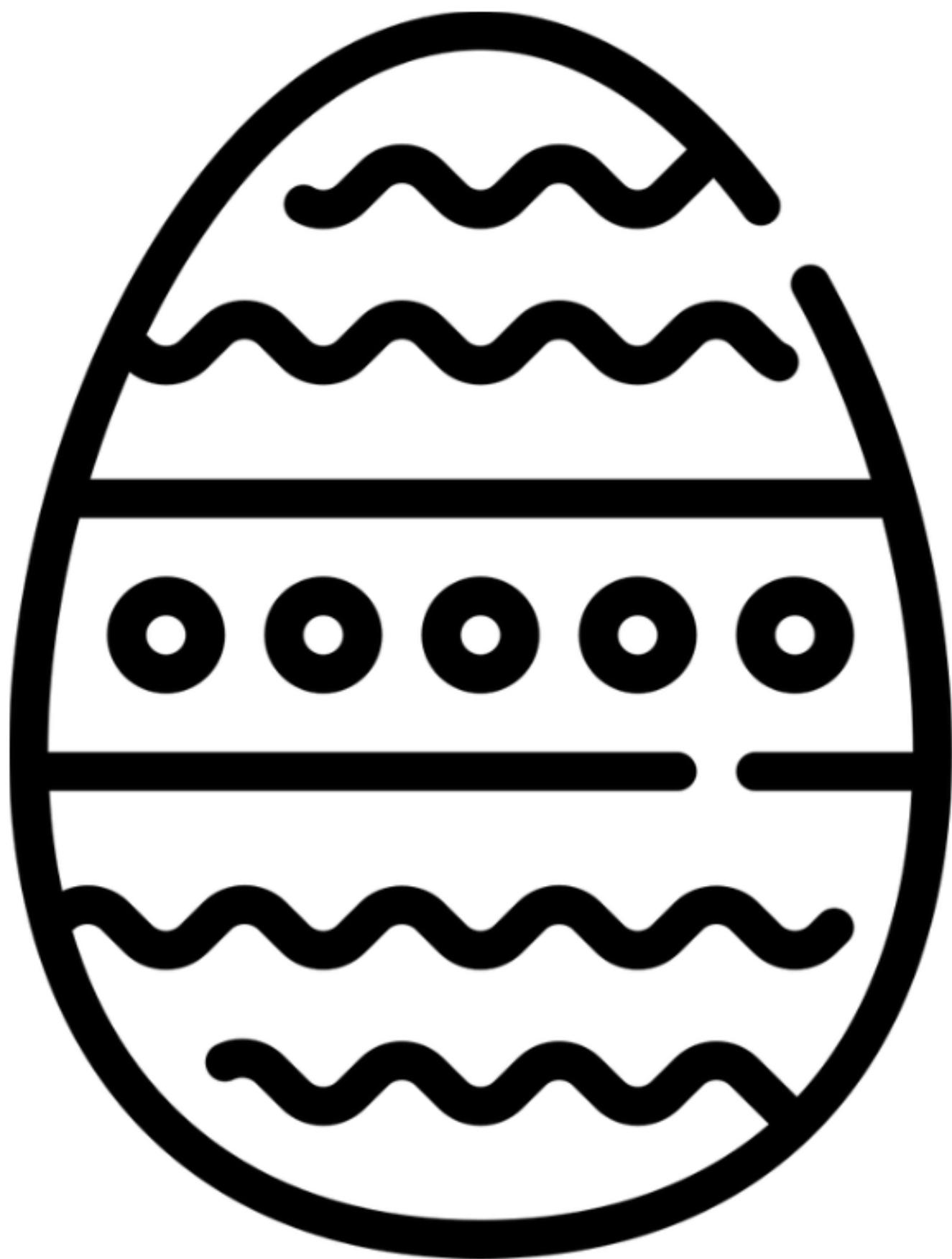
Pop the bag down on a safe surface and encourage your little one to hold, touch and move the paint around, let them explore the different texture in their hands. For our youngest ones tummy time is an amazing way to do this and for our older ones sitting to paint, tummy time or taping the bag to their high chair works well.

Once the design is covered in paint, carefully cut the bag down the sides and remove the painting, pop on some paper and leave out to dry. Baby's first piece of artwork!

For our older babies and our toddlers, you can make it a messier activity by finger painting, hand painting and using brushes or cotton pads to transfer the paint (amazing for introducing extra textures.

it is a great activity to get siblings involved with too!





matching toys



An amazing way to play with your baby is to match toys of differing textures and it is great to do this around a theme, it gives you a really authentic way to chat with your baby and you can have a great chat with them.

Some ideas to get started are to match toys around a book, or ones that are similar colours or have associations. Bonus points if you manage to choose toys that different in textures but also the way that our little ones hold, touch and engage with them.

For our toddlers you can have conversations and start to get them involved with choosing the toys that match or finding things around particular colours.

Do this often, repetition is amazing for brain development, It is a great way to do a little exploratory play with your baby!

sensory basket



Sensory baskets are a great way of theming toys together, promoting that regular repetition themed play which is amazing for brain development and also helping with concentration and toy rotation. Our basket here is themed around a book but could you pop together one that is Spring or Easter themed?

You could pull out books, plastic toys, plush toys and pull some music toys out too and pop them together in a basket, tub or box.

texture tub



This messy play activity is for our older babies and toddlers to engage with. You need to have a weaned, independently sitting baby to play with food.

texture tub

We have created a little texture tub which features two main textures, our plastic easter eggs or our stacking eggs and crumbs.

The green textured crumb has been made from popping a slice of bread in a food processor with a little drop of natural food colouring. This adds an amazing texture for messy play which is great for our babies to hold, touch and pour and it tastes good too!

When they squeeze it together in their hands the bread crumb holds its shape and is really fun to engage with and it is easy to break up too.

This is a great activity to do on a high chair table or in a tub or tuff tray. Always make sure that you have a texture that your baby is used to when introducing a new texture, it helps their brain process and regulate.

Please always ensure that you are supervising your baby at all times when playing with food and please ensure that you are monitoring any that is eaten.



matching shapes and sizes



matching games are amazing for our hand to eye co-ordination, our motor skills and our visual development too. We have taken a silicon easter mould and popped some single colour ball pool balls on so that they balance on the silicon mould. Muffin trays work amazing too.

You can hide toys like links underneath and encourage them to move the balls and replace them. For our younger babies encourage them just to knock the balls off and for our older babies it is an amazing two handed activity.