



THREADING BEADS

Suits ages 12 – 36 months



What you will need:

- A range of different beads – different colours, shapes and sizes. (Please ensure they are not too small or could cause a choking hazard)
- Shoe laces to thread with

What you do:

1. Ensure one end of the lace is tied to ensure the beads do not fall off.
2. Show your child how to thread a bead onto the lace and ask them to have a go, use lots of positive encouragement as they try to place the bead over the lace.
3. If older children are selecting beads you could ask your child questions about the colour and/or the shape of the beads. With younger children name the colours to start building their colour recognition and vocabulary.
4. As your child puts beads on the lace, encourage them to count with you on how many they have threaded.

This is a perfect activity to support and develop your child's physical development and fine motor skills. Additionally, this also supports their development in mathematics when encouraging them to count and identify shapes.