



# Helping Clean Up 1 year—2 years

**Objective:** The child builds early awareness and life-skills through helping clean up their toys.

## **Materials needed:**

Any kind of toys for your infant at home  
Basket or Bag

## **Procedures:**

1. Allow your child to sit in a large open space, putting all of the toys on the floor in front of them.
2. Show them how they can "clean up" by putting all of the toys in the basket or bag.
3. Build language in your child by telling them this clean-up song. "Clean up, clean up, everybody everywhere. Clean up, clean up everybody does their share."
4. Put all the toys back on the floor and encourage your child by helping their hands to put their toys in the bucket or bag to show



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cleaning up.

5. Continue this style of teaching for about 10 minutes. Repeat this song of cleaning up and teach

your child how to clean up their toys with you consistently at other times throughout the month.

6. Find other tasks around the house that are easy for a young toddler to help you with. Such as pouring water on a plant using a small cup, using a small dust pan and broom to sweep up the floor, or wiping down a table with a small towel, or rag, as you spray it.

## **Milestones to meet:**

The child uses fine-motor skills to grab objects and put them inside of something. The child shows life-skills of helping and cleaning up. The child learns through watching others and mimicking actions.

## **Evaluation:**

Did this lesson work for your child? Why or why not?