



Candy Canes & Coat Hangers

Ages 1 year—2 years

Objective: The child will use fine-motor skills and hand-eye coordination by grabbing at candy canes balancing on coat hangers and hang them back up.

Materials needed:

Package of Candy Canes (12 is enough)

1 Large Coat Hanger

Procedures:

1. Before hand, find a place in your home you can hang the coat hanger easily for your child to see and grab. If you do not have a low spot—you will have to hold up the coat hanger above your child's head in order for them to see it and grab at it.
2. Start putting the candy canes on the coat hanger (like hooking or hanging).
3. As you do this, count them out loud to child.
4. Encourage your child to grab at the candy canes and pull them down. Encourage your child to put them back on the hanger.



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5. Once the candy canes are on the hanger, count them together. Talk about the colors on the candy canes, then let your little one try a lick of one just for fun!

Milestones to meet:

The child can use fine-motor skills, balancing capabilities, and hand-eye coordination skills. The child can grab a candy cane off of a hanger. The child shows a willingness to put the candy cane back on a coat hanger.

Evaluation:

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