



Counting Cotton Balls

1 year—2 years

Objective: The child learns early math skills through counting and uses hand-eye coordination to put cotton balls into a hole.

Materials needed:

Baby wipes container with a lid that opens/closes (you can also use a container with a lid and make a hole; such as shown in the picture on next page)

Large cotton balls

Procedures:

1. Put a handful of cotton balls on the floor, table, or high chair tray (depending on where you are doing this activity with your child) in front of them.
2. Start by only counting up to 5 cotton balls.
3. Show your child how to count by pointing to each cotton ball as you count it.
4. Now count up to 10 cotton balls.
5. Encourage and show your child how to put the cotton balls in the hole of the container.



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5. Continue counting cotton balls (do not count any higher than up to 10 for this age) and putting them into the baby wipes box hole, until child no longer shows any interest.



Milestones to meet:

The child builds early math skills in hearing counting and amounts from 1-10. The child can put objects in a hole.

Evaluation:

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