

# Happy Kids at home!

## Stacking up

### For this activity you will need:

4 or 5 metal tins such as biscuit or cake tins

Understanding shape and size is something that you do when you park a car or try to fit groceries into a bag. While shapes and sizes are usually associated with mathematics, they are also important when it comes to literacy.

Children have to be able to recognise different shapes of letters and eventually link them to sounds. There are plenty of activities that you can do at home with all ages of children to help them enjoy and discover shape and size.

### Step 1

Toddlers love helping to stack things but also to knock them down. Start off by putting one tin on top of the other. See if your child will help you do the next one.

### Step 2

Expect that when you have finished, your child will swipe the tower down. Repeat this activity with your child and start making comments such as 'all fall down' when the tower is knocked over.

### Step 3

Build other small towers together with other objects such as cushions, wooden blocks and empty boxes.



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## Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

The EYFS sets standards for the learning, development and care of children from birth to 5 years old. It promotes teaching and learning through play to make sure all children have the skills they need for future life. There are 3 Prime Areas of Learning and 5 Specific Areas. We follow this in Preschool Nursery and you can do activities at home to help your child learning. This activities will cover many areas of the EYFS but are planned specifically to cover these areas below.

### Prime Area

Physical  
Development

Picking up, moving and stacking tins helps your child's strength and co-ordination.

### Prime Area

Language  
Development

If you repeat phrases such as 'another one' or 'all fall down', your child will learn the meaning of words.

### Prime Area

Personal, Social and  
Emotional Development

By being able to exert control over objects, your child will gain in confidence.