

COMMON PLAY BEHAVIOURS

CREATIVE - RECYCLED MODELS (JUNK MODELLING)

Behaviour	Joining	Cutting	Building	Folding
HIGH LEVEL	Split Pins Tying Paper Clips Large tape dispenser	Material Corrugated paper Tissue Paper Card/ boxes Regular scissors	Brackets Opening levers Hinges curved Variety of shape and size	Complex Fold, i.e. Fan Thicker paper
MID LEVEL	Small tape dispenser Tape Masking tape Pegs Scissors Glue spreader	Trimmers Hole punch Paper sheets Spring scissors Card Toilet roll tubes	Bridging Smaller objects Irregular shapes Different shapes	Simple Fold Regular paper
EMERGENT	PVA glue brush Finger glue Glue sticks	Paper strips Whole hand scissors	Stacking Larger objects Regular shapes Same shapes	Scrunching Thin paper

AREA: PAINTING

Behaviour	Printing	Mixing	Brushing
<p>HIGH LEVEL</p> <p>Other than paper</p> <p>Overhead surfaces</p> <p>Textured surfaces</p>	<p>Natural resources (dependent on size)</p> <p>Man-made objects (marbles, nuts/bolts etc.)</p> <p>Small/ irregular shaped recycled materials</p> <p>Cotton Buds</p>	<p>Pipettes</p> <p>Felt pens, crayons, pastels</p> <p>Sticks</p> <p>Small brushes</p> <p>Variety of colours</p> <p>Acrylic paints</p> <p>Brusho inks</p> <p>Powder paints</p>	<p>Large scale marking tools</p> <p>Handmade brushes</p> <p>A variety of tools to choose for a specific purpose</p> <p>Small brushes</p>
<p>MID LEVEL</p> <p>Smaller individual paper</p> <p>Sloped surfaces</p> <p>Flat surfaces</p>	<p>Fingers</p> <p>Fruit & vegetables</p> <p>Large/ regular shaped recycled materials</p> <p>Large paint brushes</p> <p>Regular shaped sponges</p> <p>3D shaped objects</p>	<p>Large brushes</p> <p>Sponges</p> <p>Primary colours</p> <p>Watercolours</p>	<p>Medium brushes</p> <p>Natural materials (sticks/ leaves attached to handles)</p>
<p>EMERGENT</p> <p>Large individual paper</p> <p>Roll of shared paper</p> <p>Vertical surfaces</p> <p>Horizontal surfaces</p>	<p>Vehicles</p> <p>Rollers (variety textures/patterns)</p> <p>Large sponges</p> <p>Large blocks</p> <p>Hands/ feet</p>	<p>Dot pens</p> <p>Hands</p> <p>Two colours</p> <p>Premixed paints</p>	<p>Big rollers with handles</p> <p>Big brushes</p>

AREA: CREATIVE / ART TABLE

Behaviour	Painting (Surfaces/ Child's)	Cutting	Printing (Paint / Malleable Materials)	Joining
HIGH LEVEL	Finer brushes Paper cotton buds Smaller paper Horizontal painting on tables	Graters Different materials (cardboard / cloth etc.) Cutting along a line Plastic knives Regular scissors	Natural resources (leaves, seeds, sticks etc.) Man-made objects (cars/ marbles, nuts/bolts etc.) Small/ irregular shaped recycled materials Cotton buds Fingers	String / ribbons Staplers Treasury tags Small hole punches Elastic bands Paper clips Split pins Large hole punches Plasticine
MID LEVEL	Horizontal painting on floor Medium paper Medium brushes Rollers Sponges	Thicker paper Plastic scissors/playdough Spring scissors Cutting playdough	Bubbles Fruit & vegetables Large/ regular shaped recycled materials Large paint brushes Regular shaped sponges 3D shaped objects	Bulldog pins Staplers Pegs Tape dispenser Tape (Masking / Scotch) PVA glue Blu tack
EMERGENT	Dotted paints Big paper Vertical painting Hands to colour mix Buckets of water Big rollers Big brushes	Playdoh/plastic scissors Playdoh/ pizza slicer Thinner paper Loop handled scissors Free cutting/ snipping Tearing	Rollers (variety of textures/patterns) Large sponges Large blocks Hands	Play dough Glue sticks Pre prepared tape pieces

AREA: SMALL WORLD

Behaviour	Character Development	Story Telling	Environment
HIGH LEVEL	Unfamiliar fantasy invented by the child Unfamiliar real life situations Tales Toolkit stories	Own resources Block people Resources that are not gender specific Made up characters Mini mes	Models made in construction Junk modelling materials Fabrics Natural materials
MID LEVEL	Mini mes (throughout each stage) Shared fantasy Familiar situations e.g. school, shop, restaurant Tales Toolkit stories	Mini mes Finger puppets/story characters Retelling of familiar stories	Non-specific resources (cave, toad stools etc)
EMERGENT	Familiar fantasy Superheroes and weapons Characters from well-known films/tv shows/books Familiar domestic situations e.g. home Tales Toolkit stories	Animals Mini mes Hand puppets/puppet theatre? Cars/ Robots /Trains Dinosaurs Vehicles	Specific resources (airport, fire engines, car park, rocket, pirate ship, houses, castles etc)

AREA: ROLE PLAY

Behaviour	Dressing Up	Items
HIGH LEVEL	Pillow case (to turn into anything) Joining materials (string, tape, pegs, velcro, safety pins) Mark making tools Sashes	Materials to make own resources e.g. boxes to make a police car, phones, jewellery, hats, ties
MID LEVEL	Different materials (larger sizes) Sparkly fabric Hessian Fur Ribbons Feathers	Begin to introduce more open ended resources Boxes to use for anything Babies, baby clothes, cot, high chair
EMERGENT	Accessories Pre prepared themed costumes Generic dress up boxes	Till/ Coins Play Food house hold objects - dust pan/brush, ironing board, pots, pans, bowls, plates

AREA: CONSTRUCTION

Behaviour	Stacking	Enclosing	Bridging	Joining
HIGH LEVEL	Lego Blocks and objects (Odd sizes) Pebbles Natural objects Recycled materials Planks	Lego Nuts and bolts Metal tools (screwdriver) Happy Architect Crazy Forts/Joins Hole puncher and string	Large scale resources: Big tube roll Bricks Balancing (big planks)	Elastic bands / Kiner hinges Needles (Big) Duct tape Meccano Treasury Tags Crazy Forts / Joins Hole punch and string
MID LEVEL	Blocks (different sizes) Duplo Heavier boxes Containers (tins etc) Magnatiles	Duplo Pegs Magnatiles Boxes, tape, scissors Staplers	Cardboard boxes, scissors, tape Rulers Blu tack Guttering Water pipes	Tape dispenser Paper clips Water pipes and connectors Sand String Pegs Fasteners Staples / Scissors
EMERGENT	Stickle bricks Cups Stacking blocks poly Blocks (even size)	Blocks Small boxes Cups Stickle bricks Large, soft lego (foam) Soft play 3D shapes	Stickle bricks Blocks Planks	Stickle bricks Pipe cleaners Paper and glue Creature builders Train set

AREA: MALLEABLE

Behaviour	Roll Flat	Knead/ Squeeze	Pat/ Mould	Cutting	Coiling
HIGH LEVEL <i>Plasticine</i>	Rolling pins without handles Cylinders/Metal bottles Fingers/Hands	Finger tips Plasticine Tools (syringe) Muruku mould Piping bag Zip lock bag Clay	Finger tips and thumb Playdough moulds Making small sizes Cubes	Wire/fishing line/clay wire Smaller scissors	Finger tips and long sausage (playdough)
MID LEVEL <i>Clay</i>	Rolling pins with side handles	Knuckle/Fist (one hand) Board Potato masher Colander	Making small balls Palm together	Butter knives Scissors with spring	On table (roll a sausage)
EMERGENT <i>Playdough</i>	Standing at tables/more space	Sponges Hands	Making big balls Patting (whole palm)	Scissors with loop handles Roller/cutter Wooden knives Rulers	Rolling a sausage with whole hand

AREA: WATER

Behaviour	Pouring/ Emptying	Filling	Submerging	Manipulation	Transporting	Stemming (Stopping flow)
HIGH LEVEL Fingers Hand Small work space	Funnels Scoops Cups Spoons	See high level pouring Very small containers Oversized containers	Irregular small objects (ducks, toys) Large dolls Malleable materials	Syringes Droppers Straws Pipes (various size) Basters Spoons	More Water Sponges, slatted spoons tubes + links irregular hollows containers	Malleable materials Natural materials Loose parts
MID LEVEL Wrist Hand Medium work space	Various sized jugs/ buckets One handled containers with spouts	Larger containers One hand with Small containers Transferring from hand to hand	Blocks Regular floating objects Flat-bottomed objects Sponges Glass beads Stones Floating objects	Water wheels Sponges Natural materials sticks, leaves Filters	Two water trays on different levels Ramps	Valves Taps Dam Pre-cut blocks Toys
EMERGENT Elbow Shoulder Whole Body Large work space	Two handled containers with spouts Hands	Small containers Two hands Standing	Dolls/ toys Body parts Hands	One handled containers Two handled containers Colanders/ sieves Fingers	One handled containers Two handled containers Less water	Fingers Hands

AREA: SAND

Behaviour	Pouring/ Filling & Emptying	Digging/ Burying
HIGH LEVEL	Containers with no handles Smaller jugs Sieves Shells / loose parts	Tea spoons Lollipop sticks
MID LEVEL	Scoops Measuring cylinders Funnels	Table spoons Fingers Smaller scoops
EMERGENT	Large jugs with handles Buckets Large bowls Cups	Large spades Large scoops

AREA: WRITING TABLE

Behaviour	Writing	Colouring
HIGH LEVEL	Pencils Pens Rubbers Small sharpeners	Oil pastels Chalk Charcoal
MID LEVEL	Thin school pencils Tub sharpener	Normal colouring pencils Crayons Chunky felt tips
EMERGENT	Chunky pencils	Chunky colouring pencils Chunky crayons