

Things to do With Bubbles

Age: 18 months—3 years



What's needed

Homemade bubbles
Shallow pan or tray
Plastic bottle with squirt top
Fly swatter (new, never used)
Small tin can open at both ends
Plastic strawberry basket
Kazoo
Funnel

What to do

CAUTION

These activities are designed for older toddlers. Keep safety in mind. Never leave a young child alone to do any of these activities. Young

children have a tendency to suck on straws, kazoos and funnels before they learn to blow. The following activities need to be done by an adult until children are older. They will enjoy watching you “blow” bubbles with straws, kazoos and funnels.

7. Pour your homemade bubble solution into a shallow pan or tray.
8. Try making a giant bubble the size of the tray or pan. Dip one end of the straw in the solution, then hold the straw slightly above the solution. Blow very gently. You may have to try this a few times to make a really big bubble.
9. Try dipping a fly swatter into the tray or pan filled with bubbles. Practice blowing or waving the fly swatter through the air. What size bubbles does the swatter make?
10. Pour a small amount of solution into the squirt bottle. Shake it up and squeeze bubbles out of the squirt top.
5. Try making bubbles with a tin can. Remove both ends from the can. File down all sharp edges or cover edges with tape. Dip the can into the solution so that you get a soap window across the end. Blow gently into the other end to form a bubble.

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6. Wave plastic strawberry baskets dipped in the bubble mix and see what happens.
7. Dip spare kazoo into the bubble solution and blow. It makes the funny kazoo sound as well as sending a stream of bubbles into the air.
8. Dip the large end of a funnel into the solution and blow through the small end of the funnel.

On a very cold day, bubbles will freeze instantly. Try poking a hole in a frozen bubble. If you are careful, it won't break.

What children will learn

Large motor skills, curiosity, science and nature