

Activity Idea

Shaving Cream Letter Hunt

Recommended for Ages 3 – 5

Sensory play

Children learn a lot through play and exploration. This activity allows them to do both, and adds a little structured learning as well. Asking them to find letters helps them work on letter recognition, which is a skill needed when they learn to read. The activity also allows them to dig and play in the shaving cream, which uses the senses of vision, touch, and smell, making for a more engaging experience.

What you will need

A clear baking dish or similar container that has a flat, see-through bottom and high sides to contain the shaving cream.

Shaving Cream

Paper

Crayons or markers

What to do

1. Prep the paper by writing letters in different spots on the paper.
 - a. Crayons or markers work well because you want thicker lines for better visibility.
2. Add shaving cream to the container.
 - a. Make sure the bottom is covered.
3. Place the sheet of paper with the letters you wrote under the container.
4. Tell the child a letter that you want them to find and ask them to dig through the shaving cream for it.
5. When they find the first letter ask them to find the other letters.
6. You can change up the activity by adding images of shapes, numbers, or other items for them to hunt for.