



Melissa & Doug®



AGE
6 months
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3 WAYS to PLAY



Babies love  
to look at faces!



Try play that stimulates  
their senses!



Play peekaboo, blow  
raspberries, touch textures!

## 6-MONTH-OLDS *may...*



- Reach with one hand
- Try to get objects out of reach
- Transfer objects from hand to hand
- Find partially hidden objects
- Explore with hands and mouth

## WHAT TO look FOR IN TOYS

- Smooth and nubby textures to explore
- Soft, lightweight balls and blocks to move around
- Flaps to flip and pockets that reveal hidden features
- Gentle squeaks and chimes when touched
- Pop-up toys and activity boards that help teach cause-and-effect
- Mirrors and faces



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## HOW TO *build up* THEIR SKILLS



### Physical: Fine Motor & Movement

- **REACH & GRASP:** Help build your baby's gross and fine motor skills by placing small toys just out of reach so they can pull them near.

### Cognitive: Problem Solving

- **COPYCAT:** Gather some baby toys that make different sounds. Shake a toy to make a sound then let baby try to mimic you with the toy. Speed up or slow down the sounds for an extra challenge.

### Social & Emotional: Communication

- **TOY TALK:** Babies may not be talking yet, but that shouldn't stop you from having real "conversations" with them, with eye contact, turn-taking, replies to sounds they make, and so on. Their toys make the perfect topic: Use simple, descriptive language to talk about their toys — names of objects, colors, shapes, and more.

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