

Month by Month Play Chart

BIRTH TO 1 MONTH

Babies like to:

- SUCK
- LISTEN to repeated soft sounds
- STARE at movement and light
- Be HELD and ROCKED

Give your baby:

- Your TALKING and SINGING
- LAMPS throwing light patterns
- Your ARMS



1 MONTH

Babies like to:

- LISTEN to your voice
- LOOK up and to the side
- HOLD things placed in their hands

Give your baby:

- A lullaby RECORD
- A MOBILE overhead
- PICTURES on the walls
- Your FACE near his



2 MONTHS

Babies like to:

- LISTEN to musical sounds
- FOCUS, especially on their hands
- REACH and BAT nearby objects
- SMILE

Give your baby:

- A MUSIC BOX or a soft MUSICAL TOY
- A soft security CUDDLE TOY tied to crib
- Your SMILE



3 MONTHS

Babies like to:

- REACH and FEEL with open hands
- GRASP crudely with two hands
- WAVE their fists and WATCH them

Give your baby:

- MUSICAL RECORDS
- RATTLES
- DANGLING TOYS



4 MONTHS

Babies like to:

- GRASP things and LET GO
- KICK
- LAUGH at unexpected sights and sounds
- Make CONSONANT SOUNDS

Give your baby:

- BELLS tied to their crib
- A CRIB GYM
- More DANGLING TOYS



5 MONTHS

Babies like to:

- SHAKE, FEEL and BANG things
- SIT with support
- PLAY PEEK-A-BOO
- ROLL over

Give your baby:

- A HIGH CHAIR with a rubber SUCTION TOY
- A PLAY PEN
- A KICKING TOY

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1 YEAR TO 13 MONTHS

Babies like to:

- CREEP
- CRUISE
- USE 1 or 2 WORDS
- USE their FINGERS
- Be HUGGED

Give your baby:

- A BABYPROOF HOUSE
- CUDDLING
- A STACKING TOWER



13 MONTHS

Babies like to:

- STAND UP, SIT DOWN
- Try FEEDING themselves
- RELEASE OBJECTS with more precision
- IMITATE YOU
- Play WHERE'S BABY



Give your baby:

- His own DISH, CUP, SPOON
- Your GAMES with him
- FITTING TOYS

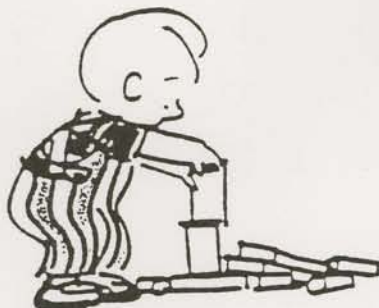
14 MONTHS

Babies like to:

- Put SOUNDS together
- Have an AUDIENCE
- SEARCH for hidden toys
- PILE 2 or 3 blocks

Give your baby:

- Your ATTENTION
- WOOD BLOCKS
- A CONTAINER TOY



15 MONTHS

Babies like to:

- WALK ALONE
- FLING objects
- FILL and EMPTY
- RESPOND to KEY WORDS
- Exercise HAND SKILLS

Give your baby:

- Big OUTDOOR TOYS
- Your CONVERSATION
- MANIPULATIVE TOYS

16 MONTHS

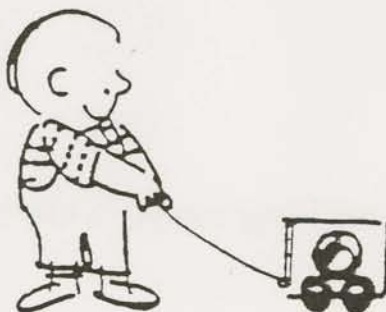
Babies like to:

- SQUAT DOWN
- Walk CARRYING things
- Use SAND
- ROUGH-HOUSE



Give your baby:

- PUSH and PULL TOYS
- Big SOFT TOYS
- Indoor or outdoor SANDBOX
- YOU on the FLOOR



17 MONTHS

Babies like to:

- LUG, TUG, DRAG things
- WAVE BYE-BYE
- Use WATER
- Get INTO EVERYTHING

Give your baby:

- WATER and POURING TOYS
- HAMMERING TOYS
- Your WATCHFULNESS
- Bigger PULL TOYS

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18 MONTHS

Babies like to:

- OPPOSE YOU with "NO"
- GET what they want NOW
- Use WORDS with GESTURES
- CLIMB STAIRS



Give your baby:

- Your DIPLOMACY
- STAIRS
- A toy TELEPHONE
- Cloth PICTURE BOOKS

19 MONTHS

Babies like to:

- CLIMB UP onto everything
- MOVE to MUSIC
- IDENTIFY parts of themselves
- SORT OBJECTS and SHAPES



Give your baby:

- A SHAPE SORTING BOX
- A RECORD PLAYER out of reach

20 MONTHS

Babies like to:

- FETCH and CARRY
- DIG and MESS
- Have things THEIR WAY
- REMEMBER from yesterday
- TAKE things APART
- USE 15 to 20 WORDS



Give your baby:

- A carrying CASE
- Little CHORES
- Your PATIENCE
- THINGS to take apart

21 MONTHS

Babies like to:

- Claim "MINE"
- MARK on PAPER
- POINT to objects in BOOK
- TURN PAGES
- FIT things TOGETHER



Give your baby:

- A big CRAYON and PAPER
- PICTURE BOOKS
- A CONSTRUCTION SET

22 MONTHS

Babies like to:

- FIT SHAPES
- WATCH GROWNUPS
- PUT things BACK
- COME when CALLED
- SCREW and UNSCREW



Give your baby:

- SHELVES for his toys
- HELP in putting things away
- Simple PUZZLES
- A plastic JAR with screw LID

23 MONTHS TO 2 YEARS

Babies like to:

- Use 3 WORD SENTENCES
- RUN
- HELP with household tasks
- Hear RHYMES
- Work with their FINGERS



Give your baby:

- A DOLL or TEDDY
- A TOY to RIDE
- A MOTHER GOOSE BOOK
- FINGER manipulative toys