



## Treasure Basket (& Heuristic Play) resource ideas

The basket should be:

- round with a broad base and big opening at the top so that the baby can see and reach in and hold the basket close
- stable enough so a baby can rest his/her arm on the side without toppling
- made from natural material such as willow, wicker, straw, raffia
- no less than 14" (351mm) in diameter and 4-5" (101-125mm) deep

The contents:

- must be made from natural materials only
- should be between 50-100 of the same or similar items in each basket
- should be several of each different type of object so that there is sufficient of each resource to go around

### Suggested Resources

<p><b>Natural materials:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• feathers</li> <li>• natural loofah</li> <li>• orange</li> <li>• lemon</li> <li>• shells of differing sizes</li> <li>• pebbles of differing sizes</li> <li>• pinecone</li> <li>• various fabrics - satin, lace, chamois leather</li> <li>• silk ribbon</li> <li>• satin scarves</li> <li>• natural sponge</li> <li>• pumice stone</li> </ul> <p><b>Made from wood:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• wooden kitchen roll holder</li> <li>• wooden mug tree</li> <li>• wooden massagers</li> <li>• wooden spatula</li> <li>• wooden spoons</li> <li>• wooden pastry brush</li> <li>• wooden egg cup</li> <li>• wooden and metal curtain rings</li> <li>• wooden bottle brush</li> <li>• wooden shaving brush</li> </ul>	<p><b>Made from metal:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• jar lids</li> <li>• measuring spoons</li> <li>• tongues</li> <li>• tea strainer</li> <li>• whisk</li> <li>• spoons</li> <li>• chain - various lengths and thickness</li> <li>• saucepan lids</li> <li>• metal teabag squeezer</li> <li>• metal bowls, cups, plates</li> </ul> <p><b>Other resource:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• cane coaster</li> <li>• leather purse</li> <li>• Cotton and silk velvet hair bands and scrunchies</li> <li>• little natural baskets</li> <li>• large wooden beads on a string</li> <li>• wooden bangles</li> <li>• wicker balls</li> </ul>
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• wooden handled hair brush</li><li>• wooden clothes brush</li><li>• wooden nail brush</li><li>• small wooden bowls, cups, plates</li><li>• wooden lemon squeeze</li><li>• metal small egg whisk</li><li>• cloth bags (made from natural material) containing scent</li><li>• wooden foot massager</li><li>• wooden honey drizzler</li><li>• wooden cotton reels</li></ul> |  |
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## Heuristic Play resource ideas

### Suggested resource

The heuristic play resource list should also be used with the treasure basket list as these are all appropriate and provide a natural element.

#### Containers

- Chocolate boxes
- Chocolate/biscuit tins
- Bottle tubes with lids
- Yoghurt pots
- Jewellery boxes
- Plastic bottles
- Cardboard tubes (pringles)
- Glass jars (small with thick glass)
- Flower pots
- Seed growing pots
- Circle baskets with lids
- Square baskets with lids
- Nesting baskets
- Organza bags
- Shoe boxes
- Money boxes (lids removed)
- Bells
- Small teddies (clean)
- Dried herbs (lavender, mint, thyme)
- Large coloured marbles
- Corks
- Scarves
- Ribbons of different textures, lengths and colours
- Tinsel
- Plastic wrappers from inside chocolate
- Kitchen roll tubes
- Balls of wool

- Measuring spoons
- Rubber door stop
- Purses and wallets
- Small handbags
- Ice cube trays
- Wooden vehicles
- Pegs
- Washing liquid lids
- Egg boxes
- Rolling pin
- Buttons
- Glass nuggets
- Ping Pong balls
- Fruit & Veg
- Hair rollers
- Mirrors
- Combs
- Mug tree

Manufactured wooden shapes such as;

- Wooden disks
- Egg shapes
- Cubes
- Cones
- Balls
- Spools
- Barrels
- Spindles

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