

# Box O' Baby!



**Age** 6 months or once the child is able to sit with support. It is important to ensure that the baby can sit safely before they can do this activity.

**Materials** Large sturdy box with the top cut off and various sizes of holes cut into each side.

**Setting** Place the box on the floor and place a blanket in the bottom of the box to support the child. Place the baby in the box.

**Description** As you place the baby in the box, make sure you have a fun, playful disposition so the child senses the fun associated with the game. Once the baby is safely sitting in the box put your face down into the box talking and singing and laughing with the child – be playful. Next kneel down and hide below the box so the child can't see you for a few seconds and then begin talking to the child to cause him/her to begin looking for the sound of your voice. Poke your head back up and make a fun noise, so the child can hear and see you at the same time. Continue moving out of view and moving back into view, playing a game of hide and seek. Use the different holes in the box to peek through, as this will cause the child to move his/her body to find you.

## Learning Outcomes

**Approaches to Learning** Child uses initiative, curiosity and persistence to learn about the world. He or she explores the environment through movement and the use of senses. He or she looks towards the sound of your voice and toward your actual face as it pokes into an opening in the box.

**Large Motor Skills** Child begins to gain voluntary control of body as he/she balances in the box and turns head and torso toward the sound and sight of his/her parent.

**Science** Child displays pleasure interacting with familiar adults, engaging in social games through playful back and forth interactions.

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