

Channel and Cascade Unit

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This is an engaging and interactive platform that allows children to experiment with materials and liquids in a variety of ways. The racking underneath provides support for channelling, tubing or hanging tools. It is a great open-ended resource that children will explore and experiment with.

- Children are able to fill, pour and tip water into the bowl on one side or into the colander on
 the other side. You could place tubes and funnels through the holes at the top to explore
 how the water flows. Water play gives children opportunities to develop fine and gross
 motor skills. Using the different kinds of equipment children will increase their fine motor
 skills and hand-eye coordination through actions such as squirting, stirring etc.
- Use guttering so children can build pathways and channels for the water to flow through. Ensure you have set out plenty of bowls, jugs, etc. for children to catch and pour the water.
- You can use this alongside a mud kitchen for children or as part of your loose parts play.
 Team it up with the Loose Parts Activity Unit (EY10767) for children to extend and further their play.
- Imagine the different things children could make. They may be pretending to make a cake for a birthday party, mud soup, a magical potion etc. Make sure you set out different materials for children to explore and experiment with.
- There are lots of language opportunities. You can enrich children's language by talking about what they are doing. Use language such as; weight, dense, pressure, measurement, bursting, crammed, overflowing etc.