

Mirror Boxes

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Hints & Tips

These boxes can be used in a variety of contexts.

- Young children will enjoy exploring and investigating in an open ended context.
- They can be used to stack and nest as a construction type toy.
- Try placing items next to the boxes and allowing the babies to explore independently. Wooden spoons may work well as they can be placed inside, and used for stirring actions or tapped against the side.
- If the child is exhibiting a particular schema you may want to focus on that behaviour. If for example, the baby chooses to empty and fill consistently choose various items to support this.
- Some resources will look great in the mirrored sides, especially if they sparkle. Equally children may enjoy hearing the clattering noises.
- The boxes may work well in sensory rooms, especially if there are different lighting effects.
- You may want to turn the boxes over and use them as a finding exercise e.g is the car underneath the big, medium or small box? Such exercises help children to use prepositional language. Toys, pebbles, instruments etc can be placed on, next to, in front etc. Build a sense of anticipation about what is hidden under, behind etc the various boxes.
- Some children may choose to use the boxes as mini worlds, carefully placing items inside.
- Feathers, soft wool, fabric etc make lovely cosy areas for small animals to nestle inside.
- Older children may enjoy placing treasure items such as jewels, sequins etc inside and seeing them glitter in the mirrored sides.

