

Giant Foam Blocks

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Giant foam blocks are big blocks 40cm long. Made from a dense EVA foam makes them hard to pick at or bite into yet they are soft to touch and light weight!

With 14 red blocks and 14 blue there are many playground games that can be invented.

They are a great way to encourage children to use their imaginations and develop creative and problem-solving skills.



Here are some activity ideas for children to use the giant foam blocks. Enjoy!

Foam Forts



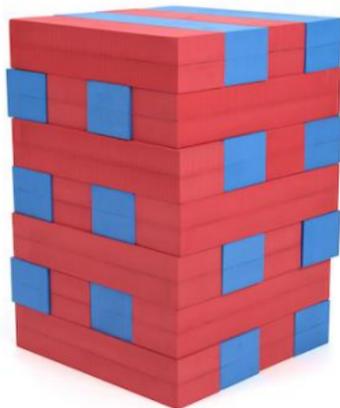
Great for creative play.

Children can work together to build a fort or a castle with the foam blocks.

They can create different walls, build towers, create doors and windows.

They could then use flags, banners and other items to decorate their forts.

Children can then dress up and play inside and outside the fort, pretending to be knights, princesses or anything else they want to be.



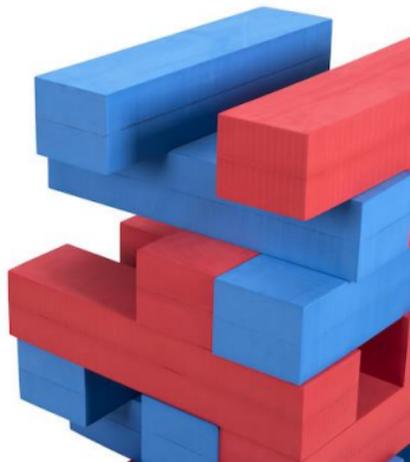
- ❖ Develop communication.
- ❖ Encourage collaboration and teamwork.
- ❖ Enhance role-play skills.



Foam Art



- ❖ Encourage creativity and experimentation.
- ❖ Invent and create 3D works of art.
- ❖ Use imaginations and express ideas through big art.



Use the foam blocks to create different shapes, patterns and sculptures.

Use imagination to make an animal, vehicle, building or any other big art.

Display the creations and share stories behind the ideas.

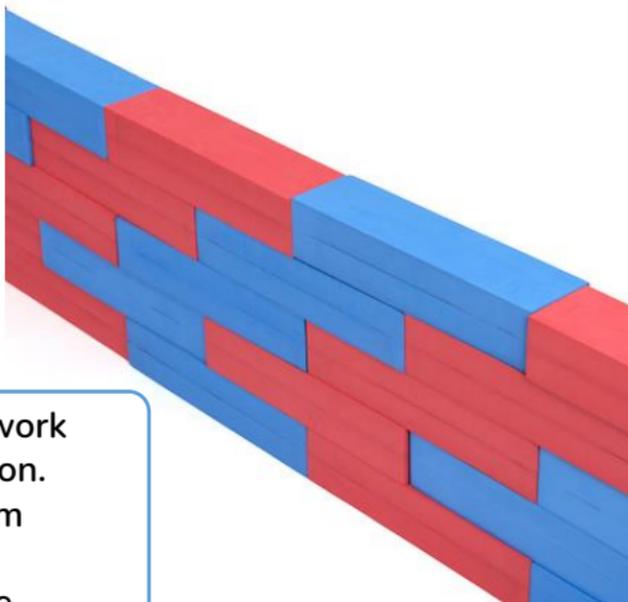


Foam Walls



Make a wall net and enjoy a game of tennis or catch. How long can you play until the wall tumbles?

- ❖ Encourage teamwork and communication.
- ❖ Promotes problem solving skills.
- ❖ Gives children the opportunity to play competitive games.



Use the foam blocks to build walls.

Have timed competitions.

Work in teams.

When a wall is built the other team can throw three foam balls or beanbags at it to test its strength.

Try different patterns.

Who can build the best wall?

Foam Games



Lay the foam blocks together to make a square-shape base.

Stack the next blocks on top in the opposite direction.

Continue stacking until all the blocks are stacked to make a tower.

Take turns to remove a foam block (not from the top two rows) and stack it on the top. Use only one hand at a time and avoid knocking any of the other blocks.

If the tower falls the game is over. The last player to stack a block onto the top without making the tower fall wins the game.



- ❖ Develops concentration skills and encourages patience.
- ❖ Helps with hand-to-eye coordination and control.

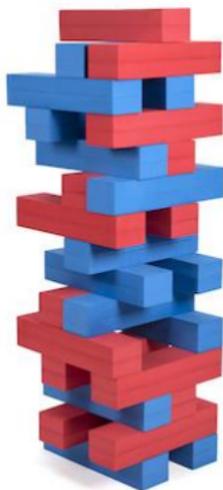
Outdoor Maths



Apply what the children have learnt in the classroom to outside. There are many ways you can use the giant foam blocks for outdoor maths. Here are just a few:

- Use them to explore number sequences.
- Use as a measuring device to find the area of the playground.
- Use to identify patterns such as odds and evens.
- Use to create symmetrical pictures.
- Use to illustrate shapes both 2D and 3D.
- Use to represent giant footsteps and count steps to and from objects.
- Use to time events and grow understanding of time, for instance, what can you build with the foam blocks in one minute?

- ❖ Promotes problem solving skills.
- ❖ Encourages participation in team games, developing simple tactics.



Foam Puzzles



- ❖ Enhance memory.
- ❖ Develop spatial awareness.
- ❖ Encourages logical thinking.



Children can use the foam blocks to create a giant puzzle.

They can either follow a pre-made pattern or make their own.

Mix up the blocks and try to put them back together to form the puzzle.

Challenge each other to see who can solve the puzzle the fastest or with the fewest moves.



Team Games



Foam Obstacle Course

Children can design and set up their own obstacle courses with the foam blocks. They can use the blocks to create hurdles, tunnels, bridges, ramps and could add other items such as cones, hoops, skipping ropes to complete the course. They can take it in turns to run, jump, crawl, or balance through the course and time each other.

Foam Relays

Split into relay teams. Have all the giant foam blocks in a central place. Members of each team take it in turns to dash to the pile of blocks and run back with one block to their group, tagging the next person to do the same. Stop when all blocks collected. Then each team build with the blocks they have. Who can create the best sculpture?





More Giant Foam Ideas



Foam Mazes and Maps

Have fun using the giant foam blocks to create mazes and maps.

Create different designs. Make a maze or map for a favourite story.

Guide a ball through the maze or programme a robot to move around it.

Add obstacles.

Foam Dens

Use the giant foam blocks to build dens and create special places to enjoy playing in, reading in, chatting with friends.

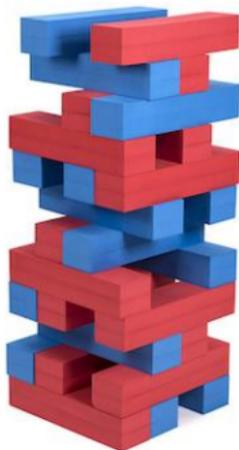
Use the blocks to create a seating area, a walled off area or a table to share activities on.



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Perfect for indoor and outdoor games, these giant foam blocks are ideal for open-ended learning experiences.



Great for:

- ❖ Developing creative thinking.
- ❖ Giving children opportunities to use their imaginations.
- ❖ Encouraging problem-solving skills.

These are just some of our ideas for using the Giant Foam Blocks. If you have any brilliant ways to use them, please share with us. We'd love to hear from you.

