

Wooden Busy Blocks and Balls

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This is an open-ended collection of blocks and wooden spheres that children can use in a variety of ways. It is a versatile resource where children can experience numerous contexts.

- Children will love using these wooden blocks and spheres for building, stacking and matching. With these lovely wooden blocks and balls children's imaginations will run free. They may create an obstacle course or roads for their cars.
- With this resource children will develop their fine motor skills by placing the spheres into the holes on the blocks.
- Children with schematic behaviours will enjoy rolling the spheres. Some children may even want to post all the spheres into a bag and move it around the room.
- They may pretend that the spheres are oranges, cakes, sweets etc. and pretend to hand these out to their friends and create storylines and narratives. Ensure that children have the opportunity to use various resources to extend their play.
- It is also a great addition to your loose parts play to encourage children to use open-ended resources to create structures and be the architects of their own play.
- For construction activities you could select a number of pictures of real life buildings for children to create their own versions. Have mark making resources for children to design their own buildings. You could use the Talking Clipboard (EY05489) for children to talk and discuss what they are going to build. This is a great opportunity to extend children's learning and development.
- These can be used as a wonderful maths resource. Use the blocks for children to place the spheres into. Have numbers next to the blocks for children to begin recognising numerals. In this activity children will have to count out an amount of spheres that matches the number quantity. Then they can further develop their fine motor skills by placing the spheres onto the blocks.