

What can I put in my Treasure Basket?

Here are some more ideas to get you started:

Objects that rattle. Choose varying shapes and materials that produce different sounds. These offer instant reward for effort and their entertainment value for a child is immense.

Objects that fit inside one another, such as boxes and pegs or graded measuring spoons. These help children to discover ideas about size, shape and combining objects

Building articles, which fit together and take apart, such as wooden blocks, zipped leather purse, a box with a lid. These may encourage your child to combine objects and to notice smaller details and encourage finer manipulative skills.

Natural objects

- Pumice stone
- A lemon
- Natural loofah

Natural materials

- Little basket
- Wooden nail brush
- Paint brush

Metal objects

- Spoons
- Bunch of keys
- Bunch of bells
- small egg whisk

Leather, rubber, textiles

- Leather purse
- Bath plug and chain
- Ribbon and lace

Paper/Cardboard

- Greaseproof
- Paper

Points to consider - safety

Choose a basket that is strong and durable without jagged edges.

Objects should be washable, disposable and replaceable, for example pieces of fabric.

Each object should be clean and safe. Always check the basket regularly.

Be watchful of painted or varnished items. Check they are non-toxic and if in any doubt do not include them.

Other objects

- various fabrics - satin, lace, chamois leather.
- powder puff
- nylon pan scourer
- chain - various lengths and thickness
- wooden foot massager
- honey drizzler
- spoon
- pastry brush
- wooden egg cup
- natural loofah
- cane coaster
- empty boxes- various sizes
- wooden and metal curtain rings
- glasses case
- leather bag and purse
- avocado pear stone
- Egg cup
- spoon
- bottle brush
- maraca
- velvet hair bands and scrunchies
- orange
- lemon
- shells
- cork
- pinecone
- shaving brush
- little baskets
- toothbrush

