

## Sparkle Cylinders



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### Ideas

- This resource is ideal for open-ended play. Children will approach using it in different ways. Some children may be influenced by their schematic behaviour. They may choose to empty and fill them, stack them, nest them etc. For some children they may like the idea enveloping things e.g. covering toys.
- The shape of the cylinders lends them to be rolled, stacked and nested etc. Let the children explore the cylinder's properties.
- Some children may enjoy placing items inside the varying cylinders. They may like hearing the clattering noise. Some may choose to fill items in specific ways, using the cylinders as mini canvases. They also make lovely mini locations e.g. under the sea, farm etc.
- Incorporate the cylinders into a wider range of construction materials. The children may use it as part of a small world castle, cave etc.
- The sparkly surface lends itself well to treasure activities. Provide jewels, pebbles, shiny objects, wooden items, natural materials etc (3yrs+)

- The cylinders are varying in size and are therefore useful to extend mathematical language. Try sorting them from largest to smallest. Which cylinder is the tallest? Incorporate prepositional language by placing toys next to, on under, at the side etc.
- Play memory games. Hide specific numbers or letters under the containers and ask the children to find them. Ask questions such as can you find me a letter that starts your name? Ask if they can find the number 5. This is a good game for developing memory skills as they will have to recall where they last saw the letter/number they were looking for. Try placing amounts in, on, and under the cylinders and asking the children to count and sequence.
- Sometimes the simplest play activities are best. The children may choose to use the cylinders in a variety of ways. They may tap them like a drum, roll, stack etc. Whatever they choose to do we hope they have fun discovering and experimenting.