

MAKING THEIR MARK

Building Fine Motor Skills

Learning to write requires fine motor skills. Tweezing and threading are great activities to strengthen small hands.

On the right is the *Feed the Frog* game. It can be played by one or as a competition.

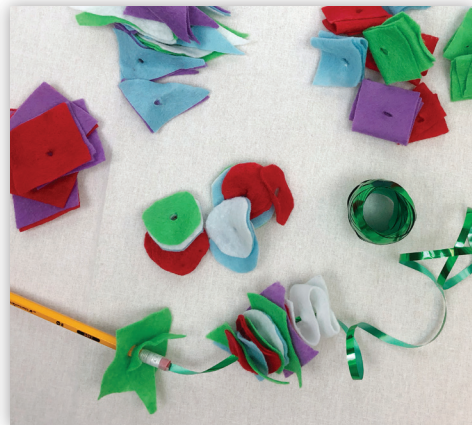
The frogs can be made from any flip-top container or an empty tissue box. We added plastic eyes, but cotton balls will work as well. Craft sticks are glued to clothes pins to be used as tongs.

Toddlers squeeze the clothes pin to open the tongs that trap the frog food.

These frogs aren't picky. If you are fresh out of bugs, try cotton balls, cereal or lima beans (Yum!).



Threading activities can be as simple as working chenille sticks through a colander. Makes a great hat if the colander is big enough!



Leftover holiday ribbon taped to a pencil makes threading this punched fabric challenging and fun.



Creating the Rainbow trees on Spaghetti Mountain is a sweet activity. See *Playdough Power* for taste-friendly mountains.

These activities are intended for children age 3 or older. Small objects can be choking hazards.



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