

Paper Playground for Learning Fun

Math • Creative Thinking • New Words

Rainy or cold weather doesn't mean your child has to be bored. You can create your own activity right at home. You probably won't even have to go to the store.

These activities are not about **scoring** (but you will make big-time cool-parent points with your child).

The objective is to develop math concepts, physical skills and **have fun**. So, get creative. **Make** goofy sports equipment and a paper playground. Talk about **numbers**, **distances** and **angles**. Toss around some **new words**.

Find out more about what is learned on the next page.

You'll need:

- Lightweight balls
- Any and all kinds of tape (whatever you have)
- Crayons or markers (let your child create a masterpiece decorating the plain surfaces)
- Scissors
- Recycled newspaper funny pages, folders, wrapping paper, boxes and tubes
- Paper cups
- Large serving utensils



Golf Ball Garage▲

◀ Croquet Course

Golf and **croquet** are sort of alike when you play them indoors. Both require hitting a ball with a stick. In golf, the ball is struck with a **club** to go **in the hole** in as few **strokes** as possible. In croquet, the ball is struck with a **mallet** through **wickets** (hoops stuck into the ground). The goal of croquet is to be the first person to reach the end of a **course** and hit the **center peg**.

As you play, talk about how much **force** is needed to get the ball into the garage or down the croquet course. **How many wickets** are there to the **course**? Ask how your child **decided the color order** of the course pieces.

Get details on how to make your own paper playground on the next page.

Get more fun ways to learn about math – visit our Family Resource Library here.



better beginnings

EVERY CHILD DESERVES OUR BEST

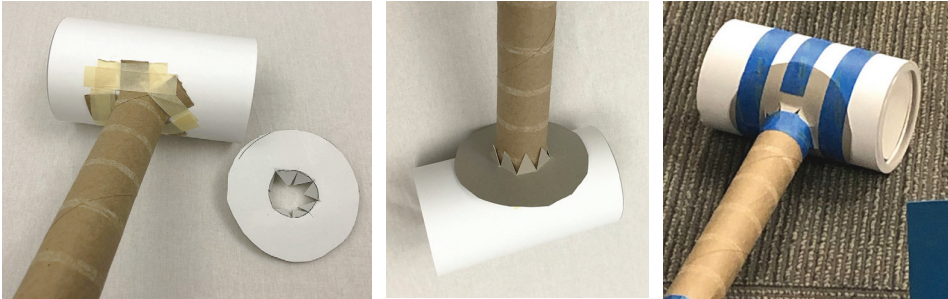
Click here to learn how to recycle to make your own musical instruments!

Click here to visit our Resource Library. You'll find activities and tips to help you prepare your child for life.

ARBetterBeginnings.com • 1-501-682-8590

Paper Playground for Learning Fun

Math • Creative Thinking • New Words



Making these tools for play takes creative thinking, experimentation, and a good bit of tape. **If a child took markers and crayons to the paper, they would be even more fun toys!**

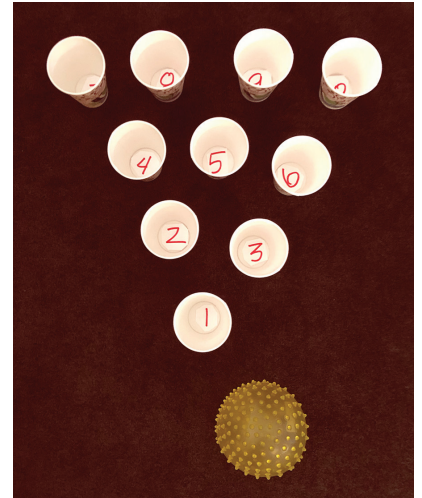
As you create together, talk about shapes and sizes. Notice how the pieces fit together.

How to make a mallet: Cut slits in the end of a paper towel tube and spread them out. Fold the ends over the side of a closed tube box. Tape. Tape. Tape. Cover tape as shown above.

How to make golf clubs: Insert a spatula or serving spoon into a paper tube. Use heavy-duty tape to secure the utensil to the tube.



Easy to Make & Play



Paper Cup Bowling for Numbers



Flat Box Balled-Sock Toss (No bags required)

What Your Child Gains from These Activities:

- Understanding of numbers
- Has opportunities to extend vocabulary
- Eye-hand coordination
- Has opportunity for using large muscles
- Develops awareness of himself in space in relation to other objects
- Develops an awareness of distances and angles
- Develops and refines physical coordination and balance
- Has satisfying and challenging experiences
- Gains self-confidence and sense of worth

Visit our Family Resource Library for more fun and games that teach math.



better beginnings
EVERY CHILD DESERVES OUR BEST

Click here to learn to how sorting teaches math in our free Family Resource Library.

Click here to visit our Resource Library. You'll find activities and tips to help you prepare your child for life.

ARBetterBeginnings.com • 1-501-682-8590