



Mitten Match

Activity Type: Hide and Seek

Focuses:

- Concepts of “same” and “different”
- Use of prepositions
- Matching and naming of colors

Use actual mittens/gloves around the house for this activity. Give your child one of each mitten pair and hide the others around the room or rooms (depending on the age of your child). Have your child search for the “matches”. This is a fun hide and seek activity that incorporates the concepts of “same” and “different”. You can also discuss prepositions with your child as he finds each one (e.g. “That mitten was on the couch.” Or “That mitten was under the table.”). Matching and naming colors can easily be incorporated into this activity as well. If your child is beginning to label colors ask “What color did you find?” or hand them a mitten one at a time and label the color for them, then ask them to go find another that “looks the same” or “is a match”. Reinforce the color when your child finds the match (e.g. “Great you found the blue mitten!”).

This activity can also be done with mittens cut out from construction paper. Your child can help trace a pattern that you have cut out and/or cut mittens out himself.

Related Activities/Ideas:

Talk about where people wear mittens and why. Ask where we put other clothing items? Use actual items for younger children so they can physically put the items on as a dress up activity. Ask, do we need to wear mittens when it is hot outside? What do we wear when it is hot/warm outside?
