

Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired

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Materials Commonly Found in Homes

Warning: Household objects may not be suitable for all children. Parents exercise caution and use a choke tube to verify safety. Children should be supervised at all times when playing with objects.

Tactually Interesting Qualities

- 1. Shoe laces with lots of knots
- 2. Soap Drainers
- 3. Christmas Stars or anything with acute points
- 4. Bottle brush, nail brush, hair brush, tooth brush
- 5. Curlers with prickly or brush feeling
- Beaded neckless or bracelet's or a string of beads of any sort.
- Door stoppers
- Springs & egg beaters
- 9. Scrub pot cleaners
- 10. Multiple straws together
- 11. Mini muffin baking pans
- 12. Whisks
- 13. Combs
- 14. Forks
- 15. Rubber ribbed spatula handles
- 16. Lollypops
- 17. Inner Wrappings from Chocolate boxes
- 18. Tape
- 19. Bubble wrap
- 20. Crumpled up paper (Different kinds sound different)
- 21. Slinky's
- 22. Squishy ball toys



- 23. Tissue Paper in Kleenex box to pull out
- 24. Cellophane wrapping paper
- 25. Ribbed card board (find it by pealing layer of card board box)
- 26. Crushed Water Bottles
- 27. Soft clothing or blankets
- 28. Sand, Salt or Water Tray (put little hard objects inside for extra feel)
- 29. Guitar strings
- 30. Box full of DVD cases with rounded edge upward
- 31. Cupboard liner that is bumpy
- 32. Curling iron, curling iron with bristles
- 33. Bucket or bowl full of bottle caps
- 34. Dice
- 35. Golf Balls
- 36. Metallic Balloons
- 37. Candy wrappers
- 38. Paper hand fans
- 39. Crushing potato chip in bag.
- 40. Rubber band ball

Auditorially Interesting Qualities

- 1. Christmas bells
- 2. Bubble Wrap
- 3. Candy Wrappers in a baggie or balloon
- 4. Metal spoons
- 5. Keys on a ring
- 6. Slightly Inflated Balloon
- 7. Beads of any sort played in a metal bowl, ceramic bowl or hard plastic bowl
- 8. Door stoppers to boing
- 9. Pans and wooden spoons to play together
- 10. Whisks in metal bowl

- 11. Combs to scratch on interesting surfaces/materials, like piece of screen material.
- 12. Inner Wrappings from Chocolate boxes
- 13. Velcro
- 14. Crumpled up paper (Different kinds sound different)
- 15. Paper to rip up
- 16. Triangles and Wind chimes
- 17. Cellophane wrapping paper in a sock
- 18. Anything to scratch on ribbed card board
- 19. Crushed Water Bottles
- 20. Bicycle Horn
- 21. Electric toothbrushes or anything that vibrates
- 22. Tuning forks, Guitar strings, flutes or harmonicas
- 23. Slinky's
- 24. Multiple Elastic strips tied tight on each handle across top of pot
- 25. Bucket or bowl full of bottle caps
- 26. Dice in any container
- 27. Ping pong balls in metal bowls
- 28. Golf Balls dropping in bucket of water
- 29. Metallic Balloons to crinkle
- 30. Crushing potato chip in bag.
- 31. Playing in cupboards or under anything that encloses walls
- 32. Water bottles with some water to splash back & forth
- 33. Bottles with crinkled tissue and rice
- 34. Easter eggs with beans or rice; tape opening edge
- 35. Boxes or bowls to use as a drum
- 36. Ripping old kitchen sack towels
- 37. Bells on shoes
- 38. Letting air out of balloons
- 39. Old Sound greeting cards
- 40. Scratching the sides of wire binder of books/notebooks

Visually Interesting Qualities

- 1. Old shinny birthday balloons
- 2. Shinny silverware
- 3. Flashlight on anything that attracts light
- 4. Christmas Lights
- 5. Colored cellophane over end of flashlight
- 6. Marble balls in a zip lock baggie of hair gel
- 7. Light Catcher gems on a string
- 8. Wind chimes
- 9. Water bottles with colored water
- 10. Metallic paper
- 11.3D image books
- 12. Potato Chip bags (different kinds) cut in strips & glued in cardboard
- 13. Bubbles in dark with flashlight
- 14. Colored bubbles
- 15. PC Screen that bounces color images when playing music
- 16. Shiny decorations of any kind
- 17. Colored frosting whipped with egg whites (dry)
- 18. Hot wheel cars moving back & forth in clear Tupperware
- 19. Slinky's that attract light
- 20. Ribbon & strings of beads

Things with an Interesting Scent

- 1. Candles
- 2. Orange peels
- 3. Lemon peels
- 4. Lotion
- 5. Deodorant

- 6. Almond extract in dough
- 7. Extract of any sort in rice and in a tied old sock
- 8. Kool-Aid packets in sugar to sprinkle on glue design
- 9. Bath soap
- 10. Bubble Bath
- 11. Lavender Scent in Rice bag
- 12. Fruit loops to crush
- 13. Peanut butter
- 14. Cinnamon sticks to scratch with
- 15. Popping Popcorn
- 16. Squishing berries
- 17. Baking breads & other baked goods
- 18. Pickles
- 19. Finger nail polish
- 20. Dish Soap / furniture polishes