

Symbolic Creation

(activity for around 3-4 years old)

Outcome: Through this activity, your child will begin to master symbolic representation—the ability to picture, remember, understand, and replicate objects in their minds that are not immediately in front of them.

Materials Needed: Pom-poms and buttons (can be different colours, shapes, and sizes), and a tray (optional).

How:

Use the materials above to encourage your child to create! Symbolic play is about using the imagination to substitute one object for another object in play (for example, a banana becomes a phone, or pompoms lined up become a caterpillar).

- Place the pompons and buttons on a tray, table or on the floor.
- Encourage your child to use the pom-poms and buttons to create something from their imagination.
- You can also model this activity for your child, making your own creations while describing what you are doing out loud.

