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Baby toys, particularly educational baby toys, can cost a lot of money. Unfortunately, babies tend to grow tired of their toys or outgrow them so quickly that you may think youve bought them for nothing. Plus, so many manufactured toys can be harmful and contain chemicals and other materials that just arent safe for your little one. The solution? Homemade baby toys, of course! Jump to: This little alphabet monster is great for babies and toddlers. You make it from an old baby wipes container and it has the alphabet on individual bottle caps. Its a completely upcycled project that is so easy to make. Its great for babies because it teaches them hand eye coordination and once they get older, they can learn their ABCs too. To make it, you just need a wipes container, a few bottle caps and some stickers. Source/Tutorial: icanteachmychild Heres another wonderful upcycled project that babies will love. This little discovery jug can be made from an old milk jug clean it out well first and a few small toys that baby can put into and take out of the jug. Youll cut a hole in the top and on the side so baby can reach in and take things out. Its such a simple idea that will give your little one hours of fun and learning. Source/Tutorial: allourdays This little sensory bag takes only about five minutes to make and you can get most of the supplies for it from your local Dollar Tree. You just squeeze hair gel into a plastic bag and drop in a few plastic or rubber creatures. Zip up the bag and duct tape the zipper in place. Babies will love the feel and sight of the bag and youll love how cheap and easy this one is to make. Source/Tutorial: dirtandboogers Empty paper towel rolls can be upcycled to create these fun and adventurous rain sticks that are the perfect size for little hands. You tape up the ends after decorating the sticks wash tape or designed duct tape is perfect for this and then you fill the tubes with tiny legumes, beans, and rice. The sounds intrigue babies and theyll love peeking in the ends to see whats inside the sticks. Source/Tutorial: theimaginatioontree I love the granny square pattern I mean I use this pattern for just about everything and now, that includes these adorable little blocks for baby. You can get the pattern for these on Etsy for just under \$4 and the project is really easy. If you have time before new baby arrives, you can crochet an entire block collection. These are great for giving out as gifts to new parents or just keeping for your own little one. Plus, you get to practice your granny squares, which is a great skill to have for future projects. Source/Tutorial: etsy.com If you crochet, this little baby grab rattle is a must for your next project. These are great if you are expecting or they make wonderful shower gifts if you know someone who has a little one on the way. Its a pretty easy crochet project and wont take you long at all to work up. Plus, you only need to know basic stitches so you dont have to be a crochet pro to pull this one off. Source/Tutorial: herbsthandmade When my son was a baby many moons ago his great aunt made him the most wonderful little book and he still has it to this day. This little babys first book will become such a treasure and its really easy to make. Theres a bit of sewing involved and lots of felt. Honestly, you can go by the pattern or create your own little book, maybe putting in characters to tell a story. Source/Tutorial: allfreeseewing Plastic water bottles or 2 liter bottles if you prefer make wonderful bowling pins. You can create a neat little bowling set with mostly upcycled products and its a game that toddlers and even bigger kids will love. Paint the bottles all different colors by putting paint on the inside so that theyre safe for babies and little ones can even use the game to learn their colors. Source/Tutorial: urecreatewithkids Wooden clothespins make the most adorable little fairies. You may want to hold these off until your little one is close to a year old or at least until they wont instantly stick them in their mouths. Theyre perfect for toddlers and are so much fun to make. You can even let the little ones help to design them. Source/Tutorial: madebyioel Babies will absolutely adore this colorful caterpillar that you can easily crochet. The pattern is for beginners so even if youve never crocheted anything, you can pull this one off. It doesnt take long to work up and its perfect for expectant mothers as a shower gift. If you prefer, do blue and white or pink and white instead of the rainbow colors, although the colors really do make it so much more appealing. Source/Tutorial: allfreecrochet So, you may not want this drum set for your own little one they really do play but its a great project for musical little ones. The drums are made from yoga cork blocks and the entire project is so very easy to do. You can even make the drum sticks yourself. Little ones from about age one and up will adore playing with these little drums and making music for the family. Source/Tutorial: prudentbaby Those little baby gyms that lay in the floor are cute, but they can be a tad expensive. This DIY version is better because its much cheaper and well, because its a DIY project. Youll need pine board and some dowels to create the gym and then eye hooks, s hooks and some chain to hang the toys from. Just lay baby on a blanket on the floor and watch him play away with the little overhead gym. Source/Tutorial: eakahouse Sensory boards are great for teaching little ones all about hand eye coordination and many other things. For older children, you can put things like zippers and buttons and for younger ones, a mirror, maybe some carpet swatches and just anything that they can see or feel. Put all of your sensory items on a board and then secure it to the wall. Little ones will spend hours playing with all of the sensory toys. Source/Tutorial: funathomewithkids Babies love blocks at least all of mine did. You can make a nice little set of soft blocks with some foam and a few pieces of scrap fabric. This is the perfect project for using up all of those leftover fabric pieces from other DIYs. Youll need to cut the foam or have it cut into small block shapes and then just sew a little cover for each one. Source/Tutorial: wrenhandmade Fabric balls are perfect for little ones for so many reasons. These are soft, round, and really colorful and you can sew them even if you are completely new to using a sewing machine. The inside is cotton batting so the balls are perfectly soft and safe for babies and they are simply going to love the shape and the different colors. Plus, they work well to teach toddlers coordination as they age. Source/Tutorial: purrbsee These little monkeys were such a hit when my kids were younger and they still have them to this day. The crocheted design makes them really soft and pliable and little ones from birth to pre-teen are going to adore them. This is the perfect gift for an upcoming shower if you want something that the new baby will treasure for years to come. You can get these on Etsy if you dont feel like crocheting one yourself. Source/Tutorial: etsy.com Wooden discs, which cost less than a dollar each at your local craft store, and some felt combine to make this really fun and really cheap DIY matching game. This is a great memory and cognition game for toddlers and its so very easy to make. Even younger ones around six months old or so will love stacking the colorful discs and when they get older, they can learn the matching aspect of the game. Source/Tutorial: babycenter That leftover felt from other projects will be put to good use in this little felt book of shapes. You just cut the squares for the book and then add felt shapes, sewn on to make the secure. Once youre finished adding all your shapes, use a ring to hold all of the felt book pages together. Even little babies will love the colors and softness of this book. Source/Tutorial: plainvanillamom Felt really is the best material for making baby toys. Its soft, easy to work with and really inexpensive. That said, heres another great little felt toy project for your tiny ones. This is a toy truck that is completely made from felt. This is an adorable little truck that is perfect for the new son of a truck driver. What a wonderful baby shower gift! Plus, its really easy to make and Id mention that its adorable! Source/Tutorial: makeit-loveit Finger puppets are a baby favorite and you can make your own with leftover fabric scraps and a few other key supplies. They are really quick and easy to put together. Theyre really quick and easy to put together and you can use your imagination to create an entire zoo of little finger puppet animals. Now, just perfect your creature voice to go along with the puppets and keep baby entertained for hours with his own little private puppet show. Source/Tutorial: makekesewbaby These little fleeces toys are really adorable and theyre perfect for tactile stimulation with their ribbon tags sticking out from all angles. Babies will adore them and since theyre really soft, its ok if they stick them in their mouths. Fleece makes them soft and touchable for babies and ensures that you can wash them from time to time to keep them clean and germ free. Source/Tutorial: mayarts This little football is really cute and its the perfect project for you to practice your crochet. You dont need to know any complicated stitches, which makes it perfect for beginners. Plus, its a football and what little boy doesnt want a soft and cuddly football? This one works up really quickly and is a great gift for an upcoming shower for a new baby boy. Source/Tutorial: nattyknitn Did I mention how much I love upcycling projects? Well, heres another one. This little glitter bottle is sure to keep babies happy for hours on end and you can make it from upcycled water bottles. Those smaller bottles work really well for little ones so grab one or however many you want to make and then fill with water and add any number of glittery or otherwise exciting small toys. For really little ones, I recommend gluing the lid on to keep it from coming loose. Source/Tutorial: pinkpistachio Turn old gloves into these adorable little glove monsters that babies will love playing with. Theyre soft so theres no worries of them harming themselves and you can make them from mismatched gloves so technically, this qualifies as an upcycle. If youre sewing on button eyes, be sure to make them really secure, particularly if your little one still puts things in her mouth. These are also great for toddlers who may just want to help you create them. Source/Tutorial: craftaholicsanonymous This is possibly the easiest DIY toy on the list and its perfect for helping babies to develop their fine motor skills. Babies are amazed by things that they can pull and tug and this box is built just for that. You just need a somewhat sturdy cardboard box and then things to tug like yarn, pipe cleaners, ribbon and other things. Just attach them to the box through holes and then they can pull and push them all they want. Source/Tutorial: laughinkidslearn Babies develop through learning and they learn by using all of their senses. Sensory play toys are vital for helping your little one to develop key skills. These rainbow shaker bottles are perfect for that and theyre just so much fun for little ones. Toddlers and older children can even use them as homemade instruments to create their own music and theyre made from plastic bottles that you upcycle so this really is a win-win project. Source/Tutorial: mylittle3andme Babies love lots of color which is what makes these ribbon wands perfect. Theyre filled with color and little ones are going to adore watching and playing with them. You can make these in about five minutes and you dont need too many supplies. Washi tape helps to design the handle and keeps the ribbons in place youll need colorful ribbon of course. These are great for entertaining little ones or letting toddlers entertain themselves. Source/Tutorial: becomingmartha This little bunny is made from scrap fabric, which makes him really appealing to babies since the designs are all different. Plus, it gives you a chance to use up those fabric scraps from other projects. Hes really soft so hes perfect for little ones and you can have it put together in no time. This is a great homemade baby toy to give as a shower gift. If you have enough scrap fabric, you can make an entire family of little bunnies. Source/Tutorial: 733blog n though for little ones, and this soft stacking ring toy is perfect. Its made from fabric so its great for little bitties to play with and they can chew on the pieces and you dont have to worry about cuts or bruises on their gums. This is a really easy project to sew and would be perfect for new parents. Source/Tutorial: raisin-toast Teething is not an enjoyable time for babies or for parents. This little all natural teething toy however, may just make it a bit more bearable. Its made in a bunny ear pattern which gives babies two places to chew and the top is made from absorbent terry cloth which you can wet and freeze to help soothe those sore gums. The ring is unfinished maple hardwood and the entire thing is really adorable. You can get this one on Etsy for \$6. Source/Tutorial: etsy.com Being crafty and enjoying DIY projects can even filter into the nursery. Ill bet you didnt know that you could make a learning toy for little ones with an old baby wipes container, did you? Ill also bet that you are going to love all of the baby toys in this list. They are all homemade so you know exactly what materials are being used and theyre easy for you to make. They make wonderful gifts for an upcoming baby shower, too. Any new parent is going to adore a handmade baby toy. Take a look at these 30 DIY Sensory Toys and Games to create the ultimate sensory playhouse. There are some of the most adorable toys in this collection and many of them are great for learning purposes, too. From an alphabet sorter to many sensory toys and a great box that is designed to help babies develop fine motor skills, youre going to find the perfect baby toy project in here. Since babies do outgrow their toys quickly, it makes sense to DIY baby toys to save money, right? Once theyre outgrown them, you can gift them to charity and youre not really out anything. And speaking of outgrowing things, check out these 20 upcycling projects for baby clothes. There are some wonderful things that you can make when your little ones outgrow their little outfits. So, if you worry about the toys that your little one plays with or you just really have a DIY itch and want a neat little project, check out these 30 different baby toys that you can make in your spare time. Youll find something that you and baby will love and things that are perfect for anyone you know that is expecting soon. Try one or try them all. You can make everything on the list in no time at all and have an entire collection of homemade baby toys to keep your little one happy for a couple of years until they grow into more technical type toys like video games, that is. Buying toys for your baby can be expensive, and sometimes they dont last that long! We all want to encourage creative play in our little ones. But did you know you can just make your own safe, homemade toys for baby, for a fraction of the cost?So before you fork out hundreds of dollars on expensive development toys, check out our 26 DIY baby toysand make your own DIY sensory toys using common things around the home. Your child really doesnt care about brand names or labels. In fact, they dont even know what a toy is. They really just want something bright and noisy to play and engage with, and begin to develop their senses through creative play. All of the DIY toys below will help your baby to develop their senses through sensory experience. There are plenty of household items that make great toys for baby, and with a little bit of imagination you can turn everyday things into toys with a twist.In fact, you may just find that baby keeps going back to your colourful wrapped tissue box; bypassing all those development toys along the way!Safety First! Homemade Baby Sensory Toy SafetyWhen making your own toys, its important to keep safety in the front of your mind. A good checklist to follow is:Size of DIY Baby toysA general rule is the smaller the child, the bigger the toy. If the toy can fit into a toy canister, or into a new container, its not suitable for babies under the age of 2 years old. Surface on which toys are madeToys should be made from safe materials, such as wood, or plastic, that are not painted with toxic paint, or coated in, or toxic material. Check out paint and adhesive labels before use. You should also make sure the surface is smooth, with no sharp edges or corners.Strings on DIY baby toysMake sure any strings or ribbons are not long enough to get wrapped around baby and cut off babys circulation. Knots must be strong, and loops not too large. Also make sure its firmly attached to the toy.Supervision of babies with toysDid we mention babies put everything in their mouths? Its important to remember any homemade toy can potentially cause choking no matter how well youve made it. If anyone can pull it apart, your baby can! Keep an eye on baby at all times.So with all those safety points in mind, here are some great ideas for turning everyday items into fabulous toys. What are Sensory Toys for Babies?Sensory toys are a specialist toy category that cater for all age groups, from newborns right up to adults. Think of squishy sound books for newborns, or newborns cradle for grown ups. Sensory toys for babies is a sub-category of these types of toys, specially geared toward 6 month old babies to toddlers.We call these sensory toys because theyre designed to develop your childs senses.So as you look around the house, think of the 5 senses: touch, taste, see, smell and hear, and youll start to find objects that could develop these important cognitive functions in your baby. Below weve listed 26 different types of toys that can be made at home, and you can make them all. Theyre really just want something bright and noisy to play and engage with, and begin to develop their senses through creative play. All of the DIY toys below will help your baby to develop their senses through sensory experience. 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as they are rewarded with the click click click sound. Make sure there are no loose buttons or keys. This is another great toy for developing touch and dexterity.18. Laundry basket racerLaundry baskets (or large cardboard boxes) make great cars for baby to sit in. It takes some effort for you to push them around the house, but their giggles will make it worth your while.19. Homemade walkerA large cardboard box weighted down with toys and books is a great way to help baby with cruising (walking around while leaning on furniture or being lead by the hand). It needs to be light enough so that it moves when baby pushes against it, but not so light that it takes off from under them.20. Baby Plays with WaterIts as basic as it gets. Just enough water and bath toys should be placed on a baking sheet for him to splash in, and you should see the joy on his face. He is content to rest on his stomach at this time and moves objects around on his own. He ought to be nearby, of course. Dont do it just yet if your infant is still learning to hold his head up.21. Smoosh paintingThis is a straightforward way to satisfy babys inborn desire to press items between their fingers. Just place a piece of crafting paper into a tray, and spoon in different coloured child-safe paint. Then place a sheet of transparency paper over the top, and have baby smoosh away until their hearts content. After a few minutes youll have your babys first ever artwork to display, not quite a Jackson Pollock painting, but a great start. Just rinse out the tray and create again.22. Bowling pins made from plastic bottlesKnocking over bowling pins is just run at an age. Make your own out of recycled bottles and paint them bright rainbow colours for interest. You can put some sand or water in the bottom to make them stay up longer. And teach baby how to roll or throw different objects to knock them over. Just wait for the giggles to start!23. Cute wooden peg doll or clothespin dollWooden clothespins make the sweetest tiny fairies (or for older children even clothespin mermaids). Just glue material on as a skirt, and some wool as a head. Use a food safe marker to dot on wee eyes and a mouth. Make sure you use the large craft clothespins or peg dolls to prevent choking, as theres nothing better for a teething baby than to drool on a wooden clothespin.24. Sensory smell jarsThis toy is just as much fun to make as it is to play with. Youll need a number of small plastic jars with plastic lids. Poke small holes into the lids using a needle, or small nail, and fill each jar with a different strong smelling item. Think coffee grounds, lemons, spices like cinnamon or star anise, and herbs like mint and lavender. Mix and match scents to make your own interesting smells.25. Spiders Web Discovery BasketThis is a really fun discovery play toy. Just stretch and crisscross a number of rubber bands over a plastic container, then add in a bunch of babies favourite toys. Now have baby try to take the toys out of the container by reaching through the spiders web of rubber bands. Watch as they develop dexterity skills and hand-eye coordination as they navigate the puzzle. Just keep an eye on those rubber bands, especially with an extra curious child as they can be a choking hazard.26. Upcycled anything!Remember, babies find fun in just about everything. Boxes, tubes, containers, cups, spoons, wrapping paper you name it. It doesnt have to be an official toy to provide entertainment the whole world is one big playground. Open up your plastics cupboard and raid the recycling, youll be surprised with just what you come up with. Have fun!If hoped you liked our article on homemade baby sensory toys. For more information on toys that are suitable for the different stages of babyhood, check out Baby Toys, or check out ourToyssection for some great new ideas.

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