

Soft and Hard Playdough Busy Bag

Activity Guide

You will need:

- **Soft and Silky Playdough**
- **Stones and pebbles over 5cm in size**

The Activity

- Use stones and pebbles that are large enough to be played with safely and for them not to cause a choking hazards.
- Make the Soft and Silky Playdough following the recipe in this pack.
- With your child, investigate the differences in the textures between the soft, squashy playdough and the hard stones and pebbles. Can your child point out the soft items and the hard items?
- Challenge your child to cover the stones and pebbles with the playdough. Can your child wrap a stone completely in playdough? Ask your child how it feels now it is covered in playdough. What happens when you press your finger into it? How did it feel?
- Allow time for your child to explore this part of the activity, they will enjoy covering, uncovering, and recovering the stones.
- Next, challenge your child to cover the soft playdough in hard stones. Can they arrange the stones so no playdough can be seen?
- Allow time for your child to arrange and rearrange the stones and to change the shape of the playdough. The playdough could be rolled out flat and the stones placed on top, or it could be a rolled into a ball and stones stacked all around it.

