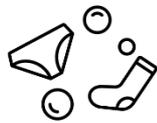


Daily tips for Playful Learning at Home – Number 42



LAUNDRY LOOKERS



There's a lot of work to do to keep a home going, and one thing that can take a lot of time is sorting the laundry after it is washed. Did you know that young children can help with this? And they will learn a lot doing it with you!

As with any activity, don't feel you have to force your child, and look out for when they have ideas you can follow

What do I need?

A lot of laundry to sort out

- Socks or Tops
- Shirts
- Underwear
- Anything

A child who is happy to help

What will your child learn from this playing?

Matching and categories – this is great for maths later on

Movement and coordination skills

Focus and concentration

Helping and responsibility

A calming and soothing activity

What do we do?

Make a heap out of the clean and dry laundry and show your child how to sort it out

- **What belongs to who?** You can make different piles for different people
- **What do we have?** You can make different piles all of the same type
- **What can we match?** You can put socks together

You can do it at first, and talk about what you are doing while your child watches. But they will soon want to help, so let them help you with simple tasks like

- Find your own clothes
- Find all the pants
- Match up the socks

Remember you need to get the job done so keep it within reason

How can you take it further?

As they get the idea, you could give your child more to do by themselves

Make a “deliberate mistake” and see if your child spots it and can put it right

Play & talk together
Be careful with too many questions

Pause and wait for your child to respond
Copy what they say and add to it