



FIRST SEWING BASKET FOR KIDS

THE IMAGINATION TREE



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Make a first sewing basket for kids using simple, age appropriate materials that encourage open-ended creativity, fine motor skills and plenty of independent fun!

Collect some simple, easy to use materials together and make a first sewing basket for them to have and use. It struck me how much a basket of these materials is just a fantastic open-ended play resource, with a focus on fine motor skills and development of co-ordination. It is a hands-on play basket for children!



the contents needs to be tactile, easy to use and child-appropriate, ensuring that they will have success each time they begin a new project and leaving room for different combinations of materials and open-ended creativity.



Materials for the basket:

large plastic needles

colourful yarn wrapped around wooden clothes pegs (pins) to make yarn dollies (I loved making these!)

large spaced stiff netting cut into various sizes and widths (I found this in the kitchen section in the £1 shop)

thin ribbons

felt shapes with small holes snipped out using scissors

scissors

colourful buttons



the dollies hold the yarn and easier to unwrap. The finished pieces can be picked apart and the materials used over and over again, if they want to do that. The felt is soft and flexible, making it nice to hold and practise threading through. As their interest and ability in sewing develops to can add more pieces to the basket for further exploration and creativity. Hopefully they will want to continue their interest further by using pieces of material and completing self-designed projects soon!