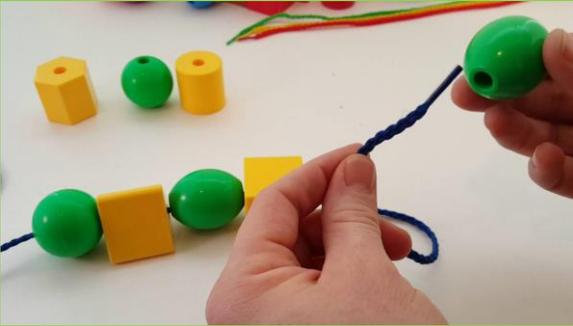


More Primary Resources for Home

Stringing Beads:



Large Beads (Toddlers/Primary): You can buy stringing kits, but limit the child to 1 lace and enough beads to fill the string. You can put all items in a small basket to keep it organized. Older children can do patterning like shown in the picture.



Smaller Beads (Primary): Pony beads are a fan favorite at CM! Watch out because children love to stick these in their noses—I don't know why!?! Hemp cord is a sturdy cord for these and ties/unties well. Again, pour a few beads in a small bowl, provide a cord, tie the bead at the end of it, and let your child go nuts! You can continue to reduce the size of beads and thickness of cord for your child as he builds more refined movements of his hands.



Fuse (Perler) Beads: Once your child is comfortable with various forms of smaller beading activities AND has long periods of focus, you can introduce fuse beads. Focus is very important for this activity! Wait till your child can sit for more than 15 minutes for this one. At CM, the children use the templates and beads. Once the creation is complete, an adult irons it. Here are some more ideas of things you can do with them:

<https://kidsactivitiesblog.com/63599/18-perler-bead-crafts/>

Sewing activities:

- Standard dolphin (or running) stitch
 - You'll need: small, solid-colored fabric; embroidery hoop; embroidery thread; black marker (don't use permanent because it will bleed through and destroy your surfaces when tracing things to sew), a stencil (or good drawing ability), sewing needle (USE REAL NOT PLASTIC NEEDLES)
 - Trace desired design on fabric, making sure it will fit within the inside of the hoop. A simple shape is a good place to start. I like to use dots to give the child a point of reference for each stitch, but you can draw the design with a solid line too.
 - Open the embroidery hoop, place the fabric on it, and secure the hoop, making sure the fabric is pulled tight and not going to move.

- Thread the needle in front of your child and secure the thread with a knot so it doesn't slip out. Tie a knot at the end of the thread to keep it from slipping through the fabric. *The more your child sees how to thread the needle and tie a knot, the more likely s/he will be to practice and master it independently.* Start sewing from the back of the fabric, bringing the needle through to the front. Watch this [video](#) for help.
- Other stitches: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TTAbCTKL9l8>
- Backstitch your name! This is a beautiful project that can be framed and admired for a long time!
- Sewing a pillow: <https://www.hellowonderful.co/post/diy-kid-s-art-on-a-pillow-easy-sewing-project-for-kids/> (this project utilizes a sewing machine, but you can use a secure stitch like the backstitch for it).

Weaving:

Weaving is a more difficult skill in basic sewing and is a wonderful extension. It requires careful coordination of the hand and patterning skills (usually developing in a 2nd and 3rd year Primary child). You can use different media but start with paper.

- Beginner: [Paper weaving](#)
 - [Easter Basket Weaving Craft](#)
 - Other fun ideas: <https://www.firstpalette.com/craft/paper-weaving.html>
- More advanced:
 - [Craft Weaving Loom](#): I used to have this in P2! We used it as a group project that was out for weeks until it was completed by several different children!
 - For smaller projects: https://www.amazon.com/LAUWOO-Wooden-Multi-Craft-Weaving-Handicraft/dp/B07WMB4NRLQ/ref=sr_1_11?erid=1YLV9X61JNTJR&dchild=1&keywords=weaving+loom+for+kids&qid=1585859015&sprefix=weaving+looms%20Caps%20C184&sr=8-11

Pin-Punching:

This is another activity you can do at home with your child. Attached is a video to guide you along the way. I'd recommend using a [large push pin](#) and use a piece of cork board behind it because children have difficulty making quick and tiny punches like those in the video. When you show your child, show him very slowly because his movements will not be too fast. Plus, if you do it as fast as the video, your child will mimic that and not be successful. You can go to Pinterest for more "Pin punching" templates and ideas.

[Pin-Punching Video](#)