

What is a Baby Discovery Basket?

A discovery (treasure) basket is simply a basket or bowl filled with 5-12 items. You can be as creative as you want by filling the basket with various sensory items for the baby to explore. The treasure basket is usually for an older baby or younger toddler to explore with their senses. The theme of the basket can be colors, nature collections, letter sounds, categorical items such as animals or kitchen tools, and musical instruments.

The idea is for baby to explore, so be careful not add small stuff that might be swallowed or objects that can hurt gums when exploring by mouth. An older baby will enjoy packing out the basket, and you can even start introducing “pack away time” after playing by singing a song while packing back.

And as always supervise, all the while talking to baby about what he experiences, developing some early language skills.

Here are some simple but fun discovery (treasure) basket ideas.

Fun with Fabrics Basket



Metal Items Basket



Color Basket



Basket of Treasures and Fun



Balls of Fun Basket

