

25 Hands-on Number Games for Toddlers



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[Listen and Spray Counting Game](#)- Write numbers on the sidewalk and have the child listen for how many claps and then spray that number with water.

[Counting and Color Sorting Activity](#)- Print out free color cards and write a number on each one.

[Pipe Cleaner Counting Activity](#)-This activity will take less than 5 minutes to put together and should cost less than \$2!

[Count the Coins](#)-A simple 1-3 counting activity with free printable.

[Magnetic Fishing Number Game](#)- Toddlers will have fun singing, counting, and ordering numbers as they catch the fish.

[Counting Caterpillar Busy Bag](#)-The main goal of this activity is counting, but it also works on number recognition and word reinforcement. Comes with free printable cards.

Gross Motor Counting Activity- A fun activity that goes with the book “1,2,3 to the Zoo”

Smack the Number- Have your children line up foam numbers and smack the one that you call, using a flyswatter.

Playdough Cupcakes Counting Activity- How many candles go on each cupcake? A fun way to work on simple counting skills!

Ten Apples Up on Top Game- Practice counting as you put felt apples on the board.

Counting Bear Number and Color Matching Activity- After reading the book “Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?”, start counting and sorting bears by color using the free printable cards.

5 Little Ducks Activity- Make your own duck props and use them while singing the favorite finger play “5 Little Ducks”

Let’s Go on a Counting Walk- This is a fun game to play while taking a walk in your neighborhood. Pick an item and invite your kids to start counting.

Number Maze Counting Game- Grab your masking tape! This math counting activity can be set up in minutes and played for days.

Feed the Lion Counting Game- Create a lion out of construction paper and “feed” it small pieces using tweezers. Children have to count how many pieces go in his mouth.

Easy Card Counting Game-All you need is a pack of Uno cards and clothespins, and it works fine motor skills, too.

Roll & Cross Math Game- A great game for number recognition and a bit of fine motor where toddlers will roll a dice and stamp off each number until they roll all 6 numbers.

Simple Counting Activity- This is super easy to make using paper and markers. Can be played with 1 or more children .

Car Parking Numbers Game- This game involves numbered cars and a cardboard parking lot with matching numbers that toddlers will match up by driving them into the correct spot.

Sticky Number Match- Using contact paper and felt numbers, toddlers will stick the appropriate number onto the square with the matching number of dots for counting practice.

Number Line Missing Numbers- Using popsicle sticks and clothespins, this activity involves older toddlers clipping the numbered clothespin onto the blank spot on the number line.

Bean Bag Toss- Combining counting with large motor, kids will attempt to toss the beanbag onto the stair or spot in the ground with the matching number.

Race to Fill up the Cup- Using cups, dice and some kind of small object, kids will take turns rolling the dice and filling their cup with the amount of small objects to race to be the first to fill their cup up.

[Preschool Ice Cream Math](#)- With a bit of fine motor practice, toddlers will use tongs to pick up pom-poms and line up the correct number on each numbered cone.

[Zoo Animal Race to the Top](#)- Using printable dice, toddlers will place a flat marble or other small item onto the animal they rolled to see which animal gains the most rolls first.

[Playdough Number Mats](#)- These free printables include writing, counting, and fine motor play through playdough.

[Number Pocket Game](#)- Toddlers will match the number on their popsicle stick to the correct numbered pocket to practice number recognition.