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10 Ways to Help Language Development with ...a Chiffon Scarf

Babies enjoy:

Chiffon scarves are translucent so they are ideal for games like 'peekaboo' and 'where's the toy?' Pop the scarf over your head and as soon as baby can reach and grasp, encourage her to pull it off! Blowing the scarf to make it billow is interesting and fun to watch too. Hide toys under the scarf and have fun finding them together. Some babies and young toddlers will enjoy putting the scarf over their face – different coloured scarves make the world a different colour too.



- ✓ Captures interest
- ✓ Encourages looking and exploration
- ✓ Encourages play and cognitive development
- ✓ Develops shared attention
- ✓ Encourages imitation and early language



Children aged 3-5 years can also benefit through:

- ✓ Using scarves for doll play – dolly's blanket, dolly's dress or picnic blanket
- ✓ Dressing up play – a scarf can make a great apron or head-gear
- ✓ Exploring different texture and colour language through talking about and comparing patterns and materials
- ✓ Competitive games – e.g. playing parachutes
- ✓ Den play – a scarf makes a great carpet or part of the den roof!