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Color Scavenger Hunts

Recommended Age: 18–24 Months

STEM concepts: Science (physical science), Math (number sense and operations, patterns and classification, spatial relationships, mathematical reasoning)

Materials: a piece of paper, different color markers, cookie sheet.

What to do: Color small blocks of colors on the paper. Place the paper on the cookie sheet. Place the cookie sheet on a table or floor somewhere in the center of the searching area. Have your child wander the house or outside collecting things to match with each color block on their paper.

Language and Communication: Ask them what color they see or that they are looking for. When they bring back an item ask them what color it is or why they brought it for a specific color. If they are wrong, tell them what color you see and ask them if that would match another spot on their sheet. This encourages problem solving and color skills..

Expand the Activity: Buy or locate specific items in your home for them to find that match the colors. Require that they find a specific number of items for each color.

