

# STEM

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## Chores

**Recommended Age:** 48–52 Months

**STEM concepts:** Science (physical science), Technology (simple tools), Engineering, Math (patterns and classification, spatial recognition)

**Materials:** any materials needed to clean your house chores. Laundry is the best for this activity.

**What to do:** Laundry and house chores are a great way to introduce math concepts like patterns, classification, spatial recognition. This is a great age for your child to help. Have them sort socks and clothes by color or style. Have them match socks together. Fill the dishwasher or hand you dishes to wash by hand while keeping them in the same styles. Bowls with bowls, cups with cups. Teach them to turn on the washer and dryer or dishwasher.

**Language and Communication:** Use terms like long, short. Use size words like large, small. Use colors, shapes and style words where possible. Talk about why matching these things are important for getting us ready or filling a dishwasher to save the most space.

