SPARK: Simple Play Adaptations to Reference for Kids

Easy-Grip Dough Rollers

(Art – COE Kit)

Description:	Image:
Easy-Grip Dough Rollers are 3 ½ inch plastic rollers in 3 different designs equipped with chubby handles. Dough sold separately.	 Purchasing Information

Who Might Benefit?

Those who…

- Have difficulty holding small stamps or crafting tools.
- Experience motor challenges that interfere with using their hands to roll or pat dough.
- Do not enjoy touching play dough.

Why Use?

Provides an opportunity to…

- Create various designs by pressing roller into dough.
- Work on grip/hand strength.
- Engage in art activities.

Instructions for Use:	Adaptation Ideas:
Environmental Considerations • Consider a designated area for dough play which might include an easy to clean mat or a cookie sheet. • Avoid carpeted areas. **Positioning** • These dough rollers can potentially be used in a variety of positions; however it is important that the user(s) are able to view them and reach them easily.	**Optional Additional Materials/Supplies** • Wikki Stix • Sand or shaving cream • Shallow rimmed tray (e.g. cookie sheet) **Build It Up** • Build up stamp handles with Wikki Stix. **Stabilize It** • Fill a shallow container with dough, varying thickness of layer of dough so that stamps result in clear impressions of the selected design.

- Dough play works best when dough is placed on a solid, flat surface (ex. tabletop, floor, tray, slant board),

Basic Play/Use

- Provide dough and rollers without specific directions, allow children to explore rollers and design combinations.

Extended Play/Use

- Provide laminated cards with pattern designs for children to match what is shown on the card(s).

Play/Use with Others

- Pair children and encourage turn taking to create designs using the Easy-Grip Dough Rollers.

Simplify It

- Offer only one roller at a time, so that the child can experience success creating clear impressions in the dough before adding additional rollers/designs.

Contain it

- Place dough and rollers on a rimmed cookie sheet or box lid so that the area for roller use is defined and contained.

Add Sensory Cues

- Add textures to the handles of the rollers for additional sensory information.
- Provide other substances to use with stamps such as damp sand, paint, or shaving cream.
- Explore various doughs/recipes (e.g. Kool Aid Play Dough) to add texture, scents, etc.

Communication Support

- Provide paper-based communication board with alphabet letters and activity related words such as help, more, finished, stop, go, etc.

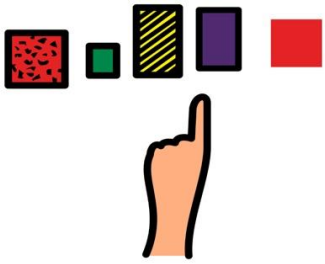
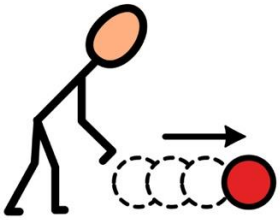
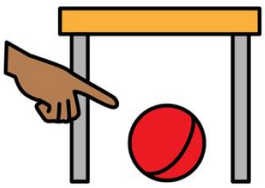
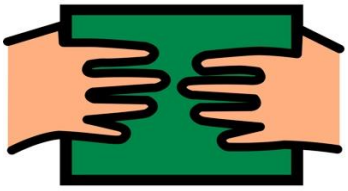
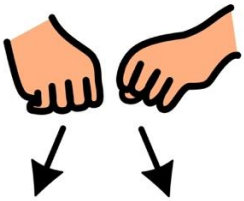
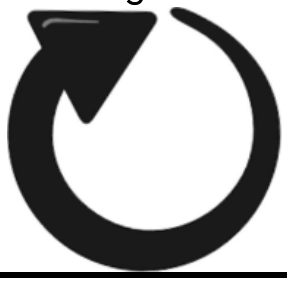
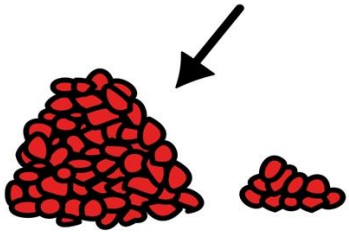
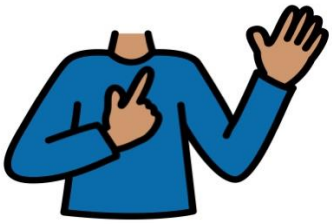
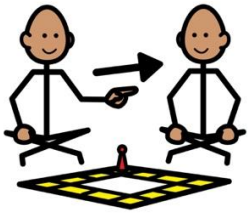
DIY Alternatives

- Experiment with DIY play dough recipes.
- Use dough stamps with washable ink pad and paper.

Ohio Early Learning Standards

- CR: Artistic Engagement and Expression: Expresses ideas and feelings through visual art (1.a.).

Words to Encourage Play/Use

Choose/pick 	Roll 	Find (letter name) 
What (letter/word) did you make? 	Push 	Stamp 
Hold 	Try 	Again 
More 	Finished 	My turn 
Your turn 		

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