

# Positioning Schema: An interest in placing objects or themselves in particular positions.

What you might see....

Your child may place objects on top of, behind or around edges. This may be evident in paintings and drawings. Objects may be placed to create patterns or rows.

Possible problems you may encounter....  
objects being constantly re-arranged once you have tidied up!

I can help my child's Personal, social and emotional development by.....  
encouraging children to share toys and resources,  
Encouraging children to "keep on trying" when frustrated

I can help my child's physical development by.....  
developing coordination and fine motor skills by providing unusual or small objects for sorting using tweezers.  
using a peg board to create patterns.  
visiting the playground to explore climbing equipment.

I can help my child's communication and language by.....  
Using language associated with positioning such as inside, behind, in front, above, below, inbetween, next to, in far, near, off, on, outside, inside, over, under, beside, beneath, close, down, through and up. etc. .  
Talking about what a child is doing.

I can help my child's understanding of the world by.....  
providing small world resources such as cars, wild animals, blocks or peg people to order by size or colour. using natural objects or create a treasure basket of unusual items (old CD's, Loofahs, corks, old curtain rings, lolly sticks etc.) to create patterns and collage.  
Playing "Kim's game".

I can help my child's self expression and aesthetic development by....  
providing opportunities to make collages. Provide "loose parts" such as natural objects, or small collections transitional art. Songs and rhymes that use positional language such as Farmer's in the Den, the Hokey Cokey, five little ducks, Oranges and Lemons, In and out the dusty bluebells, , games such as Simon says, hide and seek, or hiding a teddy.

I can help my child's literacy and writing skills by.....  
Reading stories such as Where's Spot? and We're going on a Bear Hunt.  
Provide mark making opportunities and alphabet peg puzzles.