## Activity Sheet Sorting and Stacking



Engage your child in this fun and exciting activity by using items in the world around us. Support your child to gather up some items that are suitable for stacking such as plastic cups, soft blocks, boxes, teddies, buckets and guide them in making predictions and creating items of height or length.

For older children measuring the height and width of the construction can support early maths concepts.

Gather some containers or boxes and encourage your child to collect safe items and then use these to sort and stack.

Some ideas could be sorting into small or large containers or stacking and exploring heights and width.

Just remember that safety comes first when providing small objects, any items for children under three are larger than 5cm diameter so that they cannot be swallowed and children supervised by an adult. As well as making sure the environment is safe for stacking and sorting and objects have clear fall zones and are built up to a safe height to ensure safety.

## What you will need:

Some examples are:

- · ice cream containers
- plastic cups
- · soft blocks

- teddies

**boxes** 

buckets

## This activity can help children to:

- · express feelings, thoughts and make predictions
- · recognise their achievements
- persistence and problem solving
- · be creative and have fun
- · communicate maths concepts

## Adults can support children by:

- offering experiences that provide challenge and problem solving
- · responding to their individual efforts
- encouraging children to use language to explain their ideas
- joining in children's play and role modelling
- providing time and appropriate space to participate in the play
- helping develop confidence
- providing a safe and secure environment

