

Number Hunt

Preschool

By counting, using number names and learning to recognize differences in number values, children build a foundation for the development of number sense and mathematical reasoning.

What You Need

- * 3 plastic eggs that come apart (or similar containers)
- * Buttons
- * Plastic netting

What to Do

- * In pieces of netting, loosely wrap different numbers of buttons and place one bag of buttons in each egg. With your child out of the room, hide the eggs.
- * Call your child into the room and tell her that you've hidden three eggs and that you want her to find them. As she finds each egg, have her count aloud—"1," "2," "3."
- * When she's found all the eggs, have her open each one and take out the bag of buttons (but not open it). Ask her to count how many buttons are in each bag.

Note: Sometimes younger children don't understand that counting means naming numbers in a specific order. This simple point should be reinforced often.