

# Activities at Home

## Water Play Activities for Toddlers

The summer heat has come to stay, so it's time to splash and play in the water. Here are some water-based activities to try with your toddler to develop their gross and fine motor skills. Remember, you can use what you already have around the house! Try these activities in plastic bins, buckets, wading pools, and bathtubs.

### 1. Sponges

Dump a handful of kitchen and bath sponges into a bin, pool, or tub. Let your little one discover how to squeeze and wring them. Try adding other objects that absorb water like pom pom balls and wash cloths.

### 2. Wash your toys

Pour some bubble bath in water with rags, sponges, and plastic toys and watch as your child engages in dramatic play and “washes” their toys. Kids love imitating what they see their grown-ups do.



Figure 1 <https://myboredtoddler.com/water-play-activities-for-babies-and-toddlers/>

### 3. Rainbow ice

Make some ice cubes with food coloring, one for each color of the rainbow. Put the ice cubes in a bin and let your child slide them around and watch the colors blend together as they melt. Put them in a bin of water for faster melting and more color-mixing action.



Figure 2 <https://myboredtoddler.com/water-play-activities-for-babies-and-toddlers/>

### 4. Water painting

Give your child some sheets of colored construction paper with brushes and sponges and a bowl/cup of water. They'll be able to paint on the paper and watch as the image fades (dries).



Figure 3 <https://www.teachinglittles.com/painting-with-water-toddler-sensory-activity/>

### 5. Water sensory bin

If all else fails, go for the classic sensory bin. Get a bin of water and put in any objects. Try objects that both float and sink, objects like cups and ladles for pouring and scooping, objects that absorb water and some that don't. Try ocean animal figurines for some fun imaginary play!