



# TOILET PAPER ROLL

## SLIDES

Using toilet paper and paper towel rolls!

**Description:** Tape the rolls to a wall, floor, or box. You can cut them or make a maze for the balls to fall through. You can also add colors to each tube or to each ball for color matching as shown in the picture to the left.

Photo Credit: Crystal Underwood

\* This activity requires close

supervision. However, this activity is

considered kid centered/kid

led play.

### **WHAT TOOLS AND MATERIALS DO I NEED?**

- Computer & internet connection to listen to read-aloud story
- Toilet Paper Rolls
- Paper Towel Rolls
- Pom Poms **OR** Cotton Balls, Marbles (\*Please note if you use marbles they can be a choking hazard thus requiring adult supervision at all times)
- Masking tape, Painter's tape, Safe tape for your walls or floor
- Tongs/Scoops (optional)

### **WHAT SHOULD I DO?**

1. Listen to the read-aloud of the storybook, [Oscar and the Cricket](#) written and illustrated by Geoff Waring. Children will learn about moving and rolling .
2. Talk about the story. What surfaces did the ball roll down the best? Which were faster? Which were slower? Why?

3. Present the activity to your child.
4. Gather your materials.
5. Set up the activity in a safe location that you can tape on.
6. Create your tube slides or mazes.
7. You could also work on color matching by coloring the tubes to match the color of the pompoms and instructing your child to match the colors. For example: "Can you put the blue pom poms down the blue slide?"

### **THOUGHT-PROVOKING QUESTIONS:**

1. Why did the marble move faster than the pom-pom?
2. If you create a maze: Which slide is faster? Why?
3. Why do you think the pom-pom got stuck?
4. How else could you set your slides up?

**Suggested Ages:** 3-5 years of age

### **Tags:**

Fine Motor Skills

### **Developer:**

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### **Credit:**



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