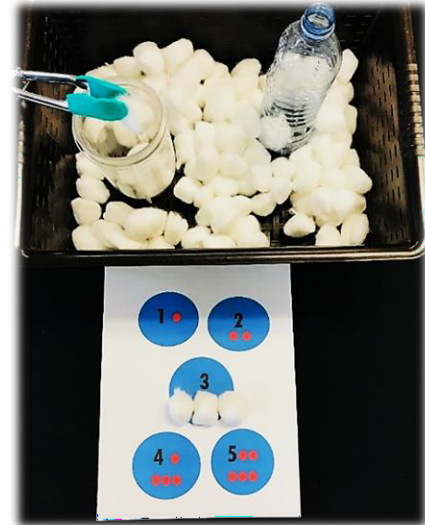


Cotton Ball Count

WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

- Cotton balls
- Tongs
- Cup, bottle, or other container
- Basket or tray to hold the items
- Counting circle page (download and print)



WHAT TO DO NEXT:

1. Put a large quantity of cotton balls into a basket, tray or holder.
2. Use the tongs to pick up a cotton ball. Try to pick up one at a time.
3. Release the tongs and drop into the cup and count.
4. You can drop them into a bottle or other container instead. Remember to count how many cotton balls you dropped in.
5. Or use the counting circle page and place the cotton balls onto the red dots.
6. All ages can do this activity. Babies can use their fingers to build up their pincer grasp.
7. The learning goals are counting, focusing, exploring the sense of touch, developing spatial awareness, and hand-eye coordination.