

Dollar Store Fun!

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- **Balloons** – science, gross motor
- **Bandages** – play doctor or band aid art
- **Basket & Sink Mat**– weaving with ribbons, lacing with shoelaces
- **Bath Animals** – Water play with numbers and nets, fine motor with pom poms, Use mesh packaging for art
- **Bubbles & Bubble Machine** – Tracking (pre-reading)
- **Bubble Wrap** – Fine Motor
- **Bug Catchers** – fine motor scissor skills in sensory tub, science
- **Coffee Filters** – Snow Flakes, Butterflies, Painting
- **Colander with pipe cleaners, q-tips, fake flowers** – Fine Motor, counting
- **Cookie sheets** – magnetic boards
- **Cooking utensils (potato masher, spatula, spoon, whisk, etc.)** – painting, imaginative play
- **Cotton** – painting, absorption, art, snowball drop, snowball sort
- **Craft Sticks** – patterning, sorting, shapes, clipping, drum sticks, building, counting, letters, bridges with cups, art
- **Cupcake liners** – crafts, sorting games
- **Curlers** – Connecting and Disconnecting
- **Dart Game & Rubber Bands** – Geoboard
- **Divided Party Tray** - frozen color mixing, Q-tip straw game
- **Dry Erase Dice** – Numbers, Letters, Questions
- **Crackers (square, circle, triangle, rectangle)** – Eat Your Math
- **Games** (Dominos, Frog Jump Game, Memory Games, Dice, playing cards) – Fine Motor, Math, Literacy
- **Hair gel** – squishy sensory bags
- **Hangers** – Connecting and Disconnecting
- **Lego** – Fine Motor, Painting, Sorting, Measuring, Patterning, counting
- **Lemon/Lime Squeeze** – Fine Motor
- **Marbles(round glass floral marbles)** – for counting, sorting, patterning, painting, ramps
- **Muffin tin, Ice Tray** – sorting, counting, paint with ice
- **Paint brushes, Paint Rollers (hardware section)** – Painting, paint with water outside (evaporation)

- **Paper Plates** – lacing, instruments, clipping, art, letters, numbers
- **Party Table Cloth** – Cut strips for weaving, bulletin board
- **Pasta** – spaghetti tower, art, exploration
- **Photo Album or Page Protectors with card stock** – literacy (wipeable pages for dry erase markers)
- **Ping pong balls or plastic golf balls** – counting, ramps, sorting
- **Pipe Cleaners**– patterning, counting with pony beads or cups, fine motor, fishing, forming shapes, letters & numbers, magnets, lint roller pick up, weaving
- **Plastic animals** – theme units, imaginative play, sensory tubs, counting, dirt play
- **Playdough Toys** – fine motor
- **Pony Beads** – Counting, sorting, stringing on pipe cleaner, lacing on feather
- **Pool noodles** – marble runs or car ramps, building, sorting, push box, poking, lacing, patterning, counting, snapping, fine motor, swat the fly (game), stack on paper towel holder
- **Q-tips** – painting, glue, art projects, counting, push game, shapes
- **Ribbon** – lacing, art
- **Rubber Bands & Head Bands** – Fine Motor, wrap around objects
- **Sandpaper** – sensory play, textured art, yarn shapes
- **Scrub brushes, Ice Scrapers, Fly Swatter, Toilet Plunger, Luffa, Tooth Brush** - painting
- **Shaving cream** – sensory play, writing, textured painting
- **Shoe Strings** – lacing, painting, letter and shape formations
- **Shower rings** – ribbon dancers
- **Sidewalk Chalk** – literacy & math
- **Sponges** – painting, floating boats(add straw and fun foam sail), construction play
- **Squirt bottles** – painting, water play, drink at recess
- **Stickers** – Fine Motor
- **Straws** – Cut for lacing, Blow Bubbles
- **Tape** – Fine Motor
- **Tongs, tweezers, clothespins, chip clips, refrigerator clips (all shapes and sizes of each)** – Fine Motor
- **Toothpicks in shaker Jar** – Fine Motor and Counting
- **Water Beads** – Sensory, use with bug catchers for scissor practice
- **Ziplock bags** – storage, sensory bags

Science Experiments & Center:

Dollar Store Slime, Germs, Alka-Seltzer pop

Grow An Animal, Magnifying Glass, Spoons (concave/convex)

Writing Center:

Envelopes, paper, pens, markers, pencils, stickers, stamps, tape, index cards, sticky notes, paper clips, calculator, stencils

Art Center:

Paint, paint brushes, glue, foam paint rollers, construction paper, pasta, feathers, glitter, pom poms, wiggly eyes, sequins, beads, pipe cleaners, foam sheets, crayons, markers,

Block Center:

Marbles, Golf Balls, Ping Pong Balls, Cars, Rubber Bands, Head Bands, Plastic Animals, Lego

Math Center:

Floral Rocks, Gems, Tweezers, Dominos, Dice, Candles, Muffin Tins, Ice Trays, mini erasers, candles, foam counting blocks

Water Table:

Funnels, Measuring Cups, Colander, Turkey Baster, Water Beads, Bug Catchers and Bug Nets, sponges, bath animals, scrub brushes, containers

Pretend & Learn Center:

Dress up clothes, pretend food, play dishes, clothes line

Dollar Store Loose Parts: Can be used for **anything** including fine motor, science, literacy, imaginative play and math

Plastic Animals

Index Cards

Clothes Pins

Jumbo Plastic Clothes Pins

Lego

Straws

Craft Sticks

Shoe Laces

Spoons

Hula Hoops

Cotton

Pom Poms

Mini Erasers

Paper Plates

Pool Noodles

Beans

Floral Rocks

Glass Gems

Shells

Pony Beads

Coffee Filters

Pipe Cleaners

Cup Cake Liners

Hangers

Marbles

Straws

Q-Tips

Toothpicks

Candles

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