



3-6 months

Montessori-aligned toys
based on milestones

A baby is lying on its back on a light-colored, textured mat on a wooden floor. The baby is wearing a grey long-sleeved shirt and pants. Above the baby is a white wooden play gym with a horizontal bar. Two wooden toys are hanging from the bar: a circular wooden disc and a wooden ring. The baby's hands are raised towards the toys. In the background, there is a window with white curtains, a potted plant on a shelf, and some books. The overall scene is bright and airy.

Safety reminders 3-6 months

- Baby may roll suddenly—use **low, padded surfaces**.
- Avoid elevated play areas.
- All toys must be **large enough not to fit in the mouth**.
- Remove fragile or hazardous items within reach.
- Expect mouthing—use **non-toxic materials only**.

3-6 months milestones

GROSS MOTOR

Rolls from tummy to back then back to tummy (later)

Pushes up on hands during tummy time

Begins pivoting in a circle on tummy

Sits with support, toward tripod sitting

Strong head and neck control

FINE MOTOR

Reaches for objects with both hands

Uses whole-hand palmar grasp

Transfers objects hand-to-hand

Begins exploring objects with two hands

Starts raking motion for smaller items

SENSORY

Explores objects with mouth

Pays attention to new textures, shapes, temperature

Tracks fast-moving objects

Shows interest in complex colors and patterns

Recognizes familiar sounds or voices

LANGUAGE

Babbling begins (ba, da, ga sounds)

Laughs, squeals, vocal play

Turns toward sounds from different directions

Responds to their name or familiar tone

Makes sounds to get attention (not just crying)

Watches your mouth when you talk (pre-speech skill)

COGNITIVE

Understands cause-and-effect e.g shake = sound

Studies objects longer and with more intention

Begins problem-solving through trial and error

Recognizes routines

Shows curiosity and interest in surroundings

May search for partially hidden objects (early object permanence)

SOCIAL /EMOTIONAL

Smiles readily at familiar people

Enjoys social games (peekaboo, simple face play)

Shows preferences for caregivers and familiar faces

Starts expressing more complex emotions: joy, frustration, excitement

Looks to caregiver for emotional cues (early social referencing)

ADAPTIVE

Begins to grasp and hold bottle or cup with support

More predictable feeding and sleep patterns

Brings hands to bottle or spoon

Tries to help during dressing by pushing arms or legs

Self-soothing improves (thumb, hands, rubbing face)



Additional item for a Montessori prepared environment when baby is ready to sit



Montessori Weaning Table

Set up a stable low table and a small wooden chair once the baby can sit independently. Use for early meals, simple activities, and practicing sitting down/getting up. Encourages independence, self-feeding, and concentration.

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COGNITIVE

SENSORY

FINE MOTOR

GROSS MOTOR



Rolling Bell Cylinder

Place in front of baby during tummy time or supported sitting. Encourage baby to reach, push, and track it as it rolls.

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COGNITIVE

SENSORY

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GROSS MOTOR



Montessori Fabric Puzzle Ball

Offer the ball during tummy time or supported sitting. Baby grasps the segments easily, explores with hands and mouth, and practices transferring hand-to-hand. Later, place slightly out of reach to encourage pivoting, scooting, or crawling. Can be hung from the playgym too.

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COGNITIVE

SENSORY

FINE MOTOR

GROSS MOTOR



Montessori Spinning Drum

Place in front of baby during tummy time or seated play. Baby hits, swipes, or pushes the drum, causing it to spin. Baby watches the colors rotate and hears soft sound (if included). Encourages intentional movement, wrist rotation, and early cause-and-effect understanding.

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Soft Fabric Balls (Different Textures)

Place slightly out of reach to encourage rolling, pivoting, and reaching. Great for mouthing.

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Tummy-Time Object Circle

Place several simple objects (rings, soft toys, textured items) in a loose semicircle around baby to encourage head turning and reaching.



Large Grasping Ring

Hang from play gym to help develop wrist strength and intentional grasping.

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SENSORY

FINE MOTOR

COGNITIVE



Bell on Ribbon (Tactile Mobile)

Baby bats or grasps ribbon, creating sound. Teaches cause & effect and hand-eye coordination.

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Treasure Basket (4–6 Items Only)

Fill with safe, natural objects: wooden spoon, metal cup, fabric swatch, brush.
Baby explores through mouthing + touch.

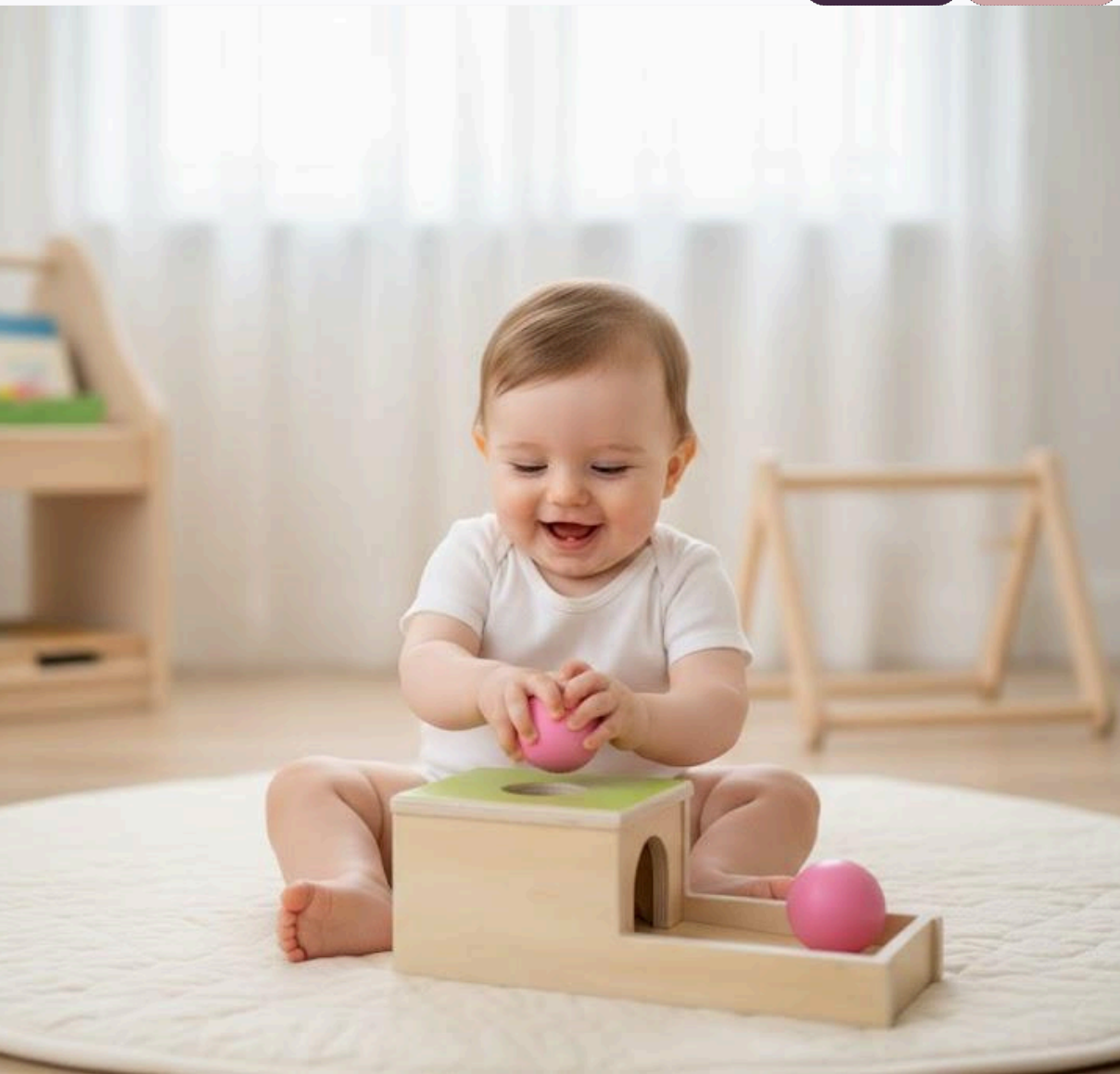
(Tray only)
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Wooden Egg & Cup (Supervised)

Introduce around 5–6 months (no choking risk if egg is large). Baby practices placing/taking the egg in and out.

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Posting Toy: Object Permanence Box with Tray

Baby pushes ball through hole; ball rolls out the tray. Demonstrates cause-effect + early permanence.

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Simple Cloth Books (Textures / Real Images)

Read during tummy or lap time. Allow baby to explore pages with hands and mouth.

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Mouthing Toys

Safe wooden, silicone, or fabric toys for teething and exploring.

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Montessori Photo Peekaboo

Show baby how to remove the lid to reveal or hide a familiar face beneath (a parent, caregiver, or baby). Baby practices removing the lid independently, discovering the face repeatedly. Supports object permanence, emotional bonding, and early fine-motor coordination.

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SOCIAL
/EMOTIONAL

COGNITIVE

SENSORY

FINE MOTOR

ADAPTIVE



Montessori Mirror Peekaboo

Show baby how to remove the lid to reveal or hide a mirror. Baby practices removing the lid independently, discovering their face repeatedly. Supports object permanence, emotional bonding, and early fine-motor coordination.

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Fabric Box

Place 2–4 soft fabric items inside the box (cloth squares, small soft toys, textured ribbons). Baby explores by reaching into the box, pulling items out, mouthing them, and feeling different textures. Encourages tactile exploration, early problem-solving, and intentional grasping.

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Fabric Blocks (Soft Sensory Blocks)

Offer one block at a time for grasping, squeezing, tapping, and mouthing. Place blocks in front of baby during tummy time to encourage reaching. Later, place two blocks together so baby can knock them over. Can also be rolled gently for visual tracking.

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Montessori Peekaboo Drawer Box

Show baby how to place a ball in the drawer, close it, and open it again to reveal the ball. Baby practices opening and closing the drawer independently, placing objects inside, and retrieving them. Builds object permanence, fine motor control, and early problem-solving.

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