



# Corduroy Fine Motor Activities

## What are the Corduroy Fine Motor Activities?

The Corduroy Fine Motor Activities encourage students to work closely with their hands in two different methods. The first activity has students string a variety of buttons onto pipe cleaners to mimic Corduroy's search for his missing button. This activity helps children to develop skills in sorting and also helps them develop finger movement as they string the buttons onto the pipe cleaners. The second activity encourages students to work on their pencil- and crayon-holding skills as they connect and trace buttons on a large sheet of paper. These activities are a fantastic celebration of a timeless literary character while also engaging and challenging students to develop and improve their fine motor skills.

## Why is it important to include opportunities to develop fine motor skills in the classroom?

The classroom is an ideal space for group instruction and activities. Students will learn to develop the motor skills necessary for holding small objects, writing utensils, and other objects. Encouraging students to develop these skills through play ensures that interactive group learning doesn't feel like a chore. As students gain confidence and strength in their fine motor skills, they will develop more advanced dexterity.

## Required Materials:

- Plastic Containers with Lids (Item #60456)
- Pipe Cleaners (Item #8793)
- Assorted Large Buttons (Item #85868)
- Large Paper (Item #44586-LG)
- Crayons (Item #61322)
- Pencils (Item #142266)

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### 1. Corduroy's Missing Button Activity

Poke holes in the top of the container lid, and place pipe cleaners in the holes. Have students string and sort various buttons onto the pipe cleaners.

### 2. Connecting Buttons Activity

Hang a large sheet of paper on the wall, and attach buttons to the paper. Have students connect the lines between matching buttons, trace paths around buttons, and more.

