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# Busy Bags Kids Will Love: Make-Ahead Activity Kits For A Happy Preschooler And Stress-Free Parent



## Synopsis

An engaging variety of mentally stimulating activities that keep children away from the TVAs the parent of young children, it's hard to find a moment for yourself. Busy Bags Kids Will Love offers you a smart way to keep your kids engaged so you can relax. With step-by-step instructions and color photos on each page, it will teach you how to make fun, unique games with simple arts-and-crafts materials you have at home. Packed full of enough ideas for every week of the year, this book provides your kids with entertaining, exciting and educational activities, including:

- Fishing for colorful letters and numbers
- Building shapes with pipe cleaners and straws
- Practicing words by rolling the dice
- Getting creative with funny felt faces
- Exploring textures with blocks, nuts, bolts and zippers
- Learning to count with pom-pom patterns

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## Customer Reviews

Sara McClure is a mom and certified teacher with experience in early childhood education. She holds a bachelor's degree in Child and Family Studies with an emphasis on Early Childhood Education for grades preK-4 and a master's degree in Urban Education. After five years of classroom teaching she transitioned to homeschooling her two boys. To save her sanity, she uses busy bags to keep her younger son entertained while she teaches the older son. She is the blogger at HappyBrownHouse.com where she shares meaningful learning activities for kids, recipes, and a peek into her homeschooling life.

Love, Love, Love this book!!! Most activities are quick and easy to put together (sometimes my toddler and preschooler could help!). All necessary items are easy to find and at very reasonable prices. My children enjoyed these activities and they were easy to bring along when we traveled!

good ideas, lots of information.

The fact that preschoolers are curious, energetic little beings is both a blessing and a curse. When you're trying to get school done with older children, get dinner on the table, or wait more than 2.5 seconds for an appointment, that energetic curiosity can be maddening. Those are the times when you need quiet, self-contained activities that preschoolers can do on their own. Those are times when you need *Busy Bags Kids Will Love*. *Busy Bags Kids Will Love* is a 100+ page, full-color book featuring 52 busy bag activities with easy-to-follow directions and photos for the visual learners among us on each page. It includes tips on creating and storing busy bags, along with a list of 100 things your child should know before entering Kindergarten. I love that the 52 activities in *Busy Bags Kids Will Love* are broken down into four categories: math, literacy, fine motor skills, just for fun. This breakdown makes it easy to find just what you're looking for if you want to work on a specific skill. It's also perfect for ensuring that you're covering a balanced assortment of skills. Once the bags are assembled, you can pull them out as needed and keep them rotated so that the activities are fresh and engaging for your preschooler. The bags are designed so that preschoolers can complete the activities with minimal supervision. Many of the activities include tips for making the activities self-checking, as well. *Busy Bags Kids Will Love* is a fantastic resource for homeschool parents, teachers, childcare providers, babysitters, and parents/grandparents of preschoolers.

I love how simple these activities are to make. I made our first one today and it literally took me 5 minutes to put together from start to finish! As a busy mom of two kiddos, I LOVE that. All of the ideas are so creative and work on great skills like fine motor, visual motor and more. As an Occupational Therapy Assistant, I love simple activities that promote these skills for kids, especially toddlers and preschoolers. There is definitely something for everyone in this book.

What I love most about these activities is the full intent for LEARNING that is packed into them. Yes, they will keep little hands occupied, but as they are busy, they will also be taking in and processing key information for this early stage: 1:1 counting, matching colors, identifying numbers, matching

ABCs and so much more! In addition, Sara also shares 100 things children should know or be able to do before entering kindergarten. Sometimes it's not all just about the alphabet and numbers. Overall, the book is truly a fabulous resource for any family with young children or those who work with them.

This book is practical AND fun. I wish I had it years ago! I love the full-color glossy pages with great photos showing how to put the activities together. Whether you're a mom who needs some "me time" to get things done while keeping a toddler occupied or you want to provide your preschooler with educational "school" activities while your older kids get some homeschooling done, *Busy Bags Kids Will Love* is chock full of great ideas. Note: I received a free copy of the book for review. My opinions are my own and I received no other compensation.

I was sweetly surprised when I opened the book to not only find 52 different busy bag ideas but loads of early childhood information. I am a huge fan of saving time and having loads of ideas all in one place. This book not only provides that, but also an awesome reference guide as you move through the early childhood years with your child. As a former Kindergarten teacher, now homeschooler, I know how important it is for parents of little ones to have this information! Highly recommended! I was provided a review copy of this book.

What a great resource! This book has exactly 52 busy bag ideas, perfect for a new bag each week of the year. The instructions are specific and clear, with great step-by-step photos, too. So easy! I love using these busy bags for quiet time, but have also brought a few out to restaurants and office appointments. My kids really enjoy them, and I do too because they make it possible for me to easily keep my kids busy while I get some work done around the house.

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