

## POM POM TURN TAKING GAME

### MATERIALS:

- approximately 50 coloured [pom poms](#)
- [wooden skewers sticks](#) or pipe cleaners
- a large [kitchen strainer](#)

### HOW TO PLAY THE TURN-TAKING GAME:

#### SETTING UP

To set-up, you will need to fill the strainer with pompoms. Then poke the wooden sticks (or pipecleaners) through one side of the strainer and out the other side so the pompoms are trapped in the strainer.

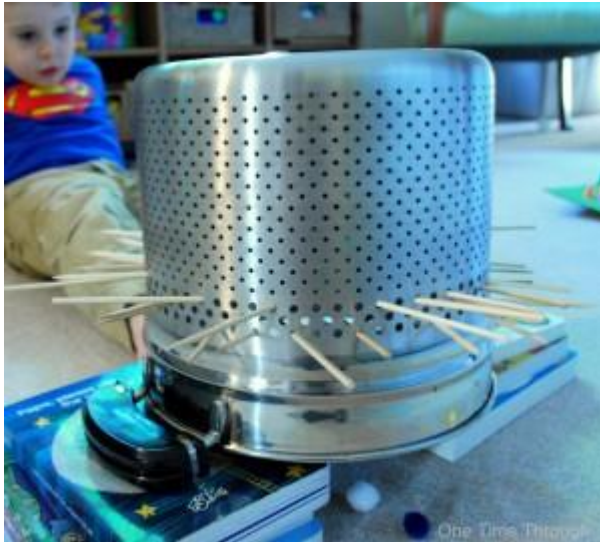


We enjoyed putting the sticks in and it was a great fine-motor workout!

Once all the sticks are in, turn the strainer upside down and prop it up on some books.

#### PLAYING THE GAME

Now, the turn-taking game begins! Each player may pull a stick out from the strainer and collect all the pom-poms that drop out.



Keep taking turns until all the pompoms have dropped out.

It gets really exciting near the end of the game when tons of pompoms all of a sudden start coming out like an avalanche with each pull of the stick!



**ENHANCING THE LEARNING**

As you are playing, each time the pom poms drop, practise counting how many come out!

According to the *101 Kids Activities* book, the winner of the game is the one with the fewest pom poms at the end. But you could also play it so that the winner has the most pom poms. OR, downplay having a winner at all.

If you don't want to introduce competitive games yet, we downplay the whole winner bit. Instead, when all the pom poms have fallen out, look at each person's pile and compare who has the most and who has the least.

