

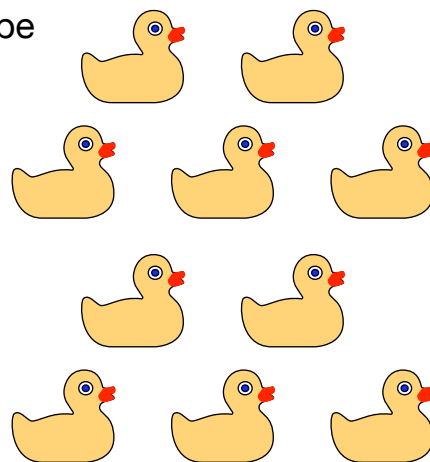
Ducks on the Sea

Inspired by *10 Little Rubber Ducks* by Eric Carle

Goal: Practice counting and matching while developing fine motor skills.

You Will Need:

- A small plastic tub or sensory bin
- 10 objects suitable for water play, which could be ducks or bathtub toys
- Water
- A plastic spoon or small cup for scooping
- Towel for drying



What to Do:

- Fill the tub with a few inches of water.
- Place the 10 objects in the water.
- Always supervise children around water. As your child plays, encourage them to:
 - Count the ducks/objects out loud.
 - Scoop or move ducks/objects around (supports fine motor skills).
 - Create groups of ducks/objects that add up to 10 (4 and 6; 5 and 5...).
 - Identify directions ("Can you send a duck *under* the waves?" or "Which way is the duck going?").
 - Match duck colors or group objects based on a similar attribute.

What to Consider:

- If it is a warm day, consider taking this activity outside.
- For younger children, start with 2 or 3 objects.
- Add in some of the sea creatures that the ducks encounter in the story.