



Baby Lion Main Activity



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You will need:

Mouse toy
String
Blanket
Tupperware/boxes

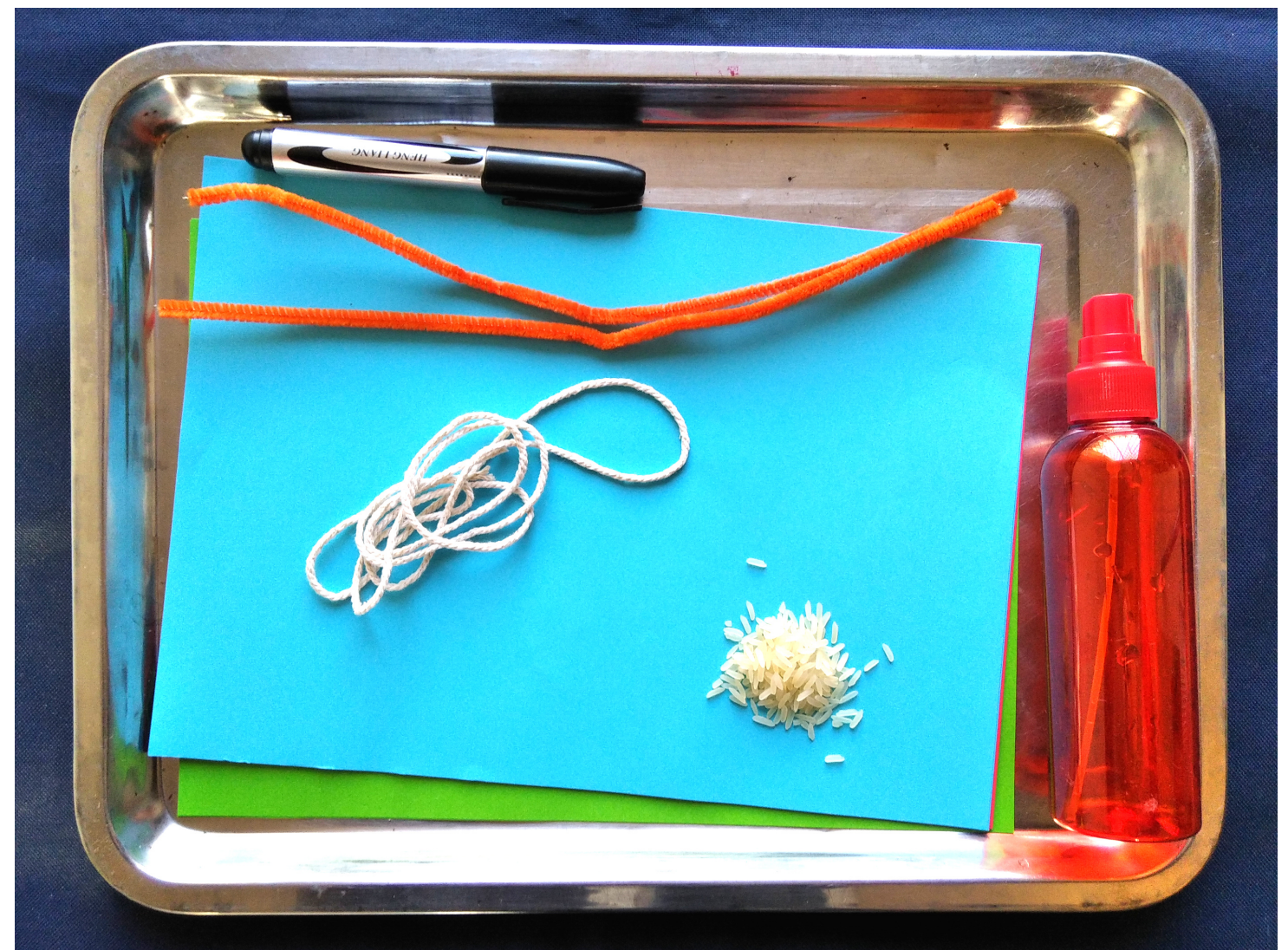
If you don't have a mouse toy you will need:

Plastic (baby/ water) bottle filled with fabric/paper/serviette/cotton wool and bright and noisy beads or rice/beans found in the kitchen.

Pipe cleaner whiskers.

String attached for the tail to pull on.

Marker to draw on eyes and face.



Encourage them to try to grab and get the mouse in different positions. Letting them reach and grab their mouse is great for confidence building.

Method:

- 1.If you don't have a mouse toy you can make one with your baby. Fill a bottle with some items you find in the kitchen: rice or beans and some torn paper. Use pipe cleaners for whiskers and then draw on your eyes.
- 2.Whichever mouse you have tie a piece of string to it so it can be pulled along.
- 3.Play with your baby in different positions, hiding the mouse and getting them to try and find it. If they are cruising or walking or crawling they can try to catch it.



Talk to them throughout and make it into a fun game trying to catch the mouse. For older babies you can play that they are the Lion cub going after their mouse to eat.





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Developmental positions:



On Tummy:

reaching forward for their mouse, or finding it hidden in the blanket/under various tupperware or boxes.

For younger babies:

If your baby seems to be in a never-ending face-plant during tummy time, place a pillow under your baby's body with his arms in front of him. He'll/she'll have more support and feel more comfortable while he's tummy-side down.

For older babies:

Reaching to each side and finding their mouse, encouraging rolling.



Cruising:

going after their mouse placed on a small table or couch to try catch it.

For younger babies:

support your baby under their arms as they attempt to cruise, place pillows behind them

For older babies:

Place several toys along the couch. Create a step with a pillow and assist your child to climb onto the couch to reach a mouse/toy.

NB Always supervise your child when they are climbing up or down.



On all fours:

reaching for the mouse, rolling mouse or pulling mouse and your baby crawling after their mouse.

For younger babies:

Place baby across your thigh to help them achieve an all fours position.

For older babies:

Reaching up onto the top of the couch to find their mouse encouraging pull-to stand.



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