



CHRISTMAS TREASURE BASKET

What is a Treasure basket ...

Treasure Baskets are collections of items that can represent a theme... and allow for a completely 'hands on holistic play and exploration opportunity.

Everyday and representational items that let the children see, look, touch, name and recognise, understand and put function to !

Our Christmas Basket holds 'Treasures associated with Christmas time .. although your basket may well hold different things that you find personally indicative of Christmas.



SAFETY

Some of the items inside the basket may be unsuitable for the children to play with unsupervised. Guidance is given on how you can introduce the item and how you can help the children understand it's relevance to Christmas.

CHRISTMAS BASKET (our demo one doesn't have all these items in!!)

Please remember to decide for yourself if you feel these items are suitable for your home/Child/Setting.

Talk about the object.

Give it a name.

Touch and manipulate it.

Explore thoughts and feelings on the item ~ it's shape, colour, texture

What material it is made from, what it does and how it is used.

Is it an object the children are familiar with - if yes, where from and who uses it.

DECORATIONS



Christmas Stocking.



Balloons ~ Some children are afraid of balloons so whilst being a part of traditional Christmas festivities they may not be suitable for your group or home.



Tinsel ~ cut lengths of about 12" so avoiding strangulation but the children can still enjoy the feel & texture if wrapped around an arm or wrist.



Crackers ~ Remove the Snaps if necessary - of supervise closely through the exploration.



Small voile bags of glitter and Sequins.

IN THE HOME



Trays ~ use these to display things on as well as talking about the job a Tray does!!



Tea towels



Oven Glove



Serviettes and Holders



Name place holders



Apron



Table Cloth

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Tins ~ candles, food storage decorative ones..



Paper Bags



Calendar










Diary










DRESS

-  Christmas Hat
-  Hand Muff
-  Gloves
-  Woolly Hat


NATURE

-  Dried fruit
-  Orange & lemon fruit
-  Spices
-  Voile bags of Cinnamon sticks.
-  Fir cones
-  Dry leaves
-  Walnuts, Brazil, Almond, Hazel, Chestnuts nuts ~ **PLEASE** check for allergies and supervise these items extremely closely.

PRESENTS

-  Selection of Christmas wrapping papers
-  Different, Ribbons, laces,
-  Christmas Cards
-  Envelopes
-  Sticky tape
-  Scissors
-  Pens & Pencils
-  Sticky labels
-  Small Gift bag ~ can also house all the above !!

Additional Items / ideas ...

 Christmas music on CD

 Portable CD player & earphones

SAFETY NOTICE

ALWAYS check and remove items that are unsafe if the Child is to play alone with the Treasure basket & its contents.

Small items that could cause choking

Lengths of items – scarves, tinsel, rope etc – that could be wrapped around their necks and strangle.

Items that may resemble food – playdough, Clay.

Sharp, brittle or glass items – that may shatter if thrown, dropped or knocked together.

Never include poisonous items – berries, mushroom/fungi, Conkers.

