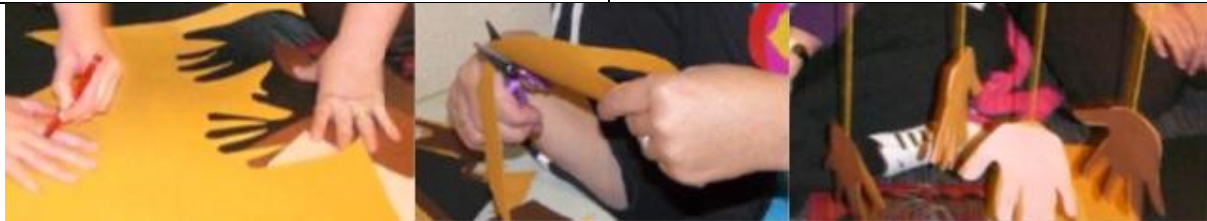


Programming Ideas - Cultural Activities

Activity Name	Mobiles for Baby and Toddlers Room
Country/Culture/Language/Religion	International/ Multicultural
Special Comments	Suitable for ages 3+ Decorate the baby room An arts and craft project for older children to help decorate the baby and toddler rooms.
	
Aim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide varied experiences • To explore cultural diversity • For children to enjoy a sensory experience
Developmental Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cognitive • Social • Language • Emotional • Fine Motor • Gross Motor
Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure paint is non-toxic • When the mobile is up make sure parts are out of reach of small children

<p>Required Materials</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Variety of materials such as paper, card, scarfs, fabric • String or wool, double- sided Velcro • Coat hangers, as frames to hang items from, • Safety mirrors • Laminated photos, paintings and pictures • Non-toxic glue
<p>Method (For Hand Mobile)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand prints are cut from card; preferably a child's sized hand as they are lighter. • One of each hand must be cut from different colours and paired up • The two different coloured hands are then pasted back to back • A piece of string is stuck between the two hands and then attached to the coat hanger. • Can be hung above a change table or near a window to catch a breeze. • Alternatively use pictures/ photos or other shapes instead of the hands.
<p>Ideas for extending the activity</p>	<p>While making the mobile: Children can 'match' their handprints with those being cut out for the mobile. Encourage discussion about different sizes and types of hands from people of different age groups and ethnicity.</p> <p>As a decoration: Talk to the children about the decorations and change photos/ images every couple of weeks. Make the 'replacement' of the image very different and talk about the differences and similarities to the children. Bring images together during mat time and 'compare' them.</p>