

# Hammering a Pumpkin

Please provide appropriate supervision to the children in your care when completing all lessons. You will need to decide what types of lessons are safe for the children in your care. Appropriate and reasonable caution should be used when providing art and sensory experiences for children.

## Age Group:

Toddlers

## Objectives:

Children will develop fine motor skills.

Children will practice hand-eye coordination.

## CDA Competency Standard:

II.4.2a

Activities and materials encourage children of varying abilities to develop their small muscles

- a) Individual fine motor skills are encouraged through a variety of developmentally appropriate materials and activities

## Materials:

- Golf tees
- Children's hammer
- Large pumpkin

## Procedure:

Place the materials in an appropriate area.

Show them how to use the hammer to safely pound the golf tee into the pumpkin.

Allow the children to practice.

**\*\*Be sure to monitor children during the lesson to keep them safe.**

## Adaptations:

For children who are having challenges with their fine motor skills, follow the hand over hand method. Help support their hands in holding the hammer and hitting the tee softly. Also putting holes in the pumpkin ahead of time can help.

## Assessment:

Observe and record the children's fine motor skills. Were they able to hold the hammer and golf tee? How are their grasping skills developing? Place these notes along with pictures of the children participating in the lesson in the children's portfolio.

## Extension:

For children who need more of a challenge, place dots or x's on the pumpkin for them to hammer the golf tee on.