

# Cleanup Chart

## Primary Objectives

1b. Follows limits and expectations

## Why It's Important

Your child's need for adult assistance will decrease as he learns to use and care for materials on his own. While your child once required a great deal of physical help, he may now only need a verbal reminder of how to play with and care for materials. Providing an illustrated chart of cleanup tasks eliminates the need for constant adult direction.

## Materials

A chart with pictures and labels of cleanup jobs

## What You Do

1. Post the cleanup chart in a prominent area of the house. Read the chart with your child.
2. When it is time to clean up, invite your child to refer to the chart for a task. Notice which task he chooses. *You saw the picture of putting crayons away, and now you are picking up your crayons and putting them back in the box.*
3. When your child finishes cleaning up, go back to the chart and ask him to show you which task(s) he completed.
4. Acknowledge how helpful it is to have your child cleaning up. *Now we have room to dance because you put the toys away that were on the floor.*
5. Be sure to offer no more assistance than is necessary. Use verbal prompts along with the chart as needed.