

Open-ended Materials and Loose Parts

Open ended materials are natural or manufactured items the children can explore in numerous ways. They do not come with directions or rules, therefore children can use them based on their interests.



Vehicles



Grass



Tires



Rocks



Playdough

There are 2 types of "Open-ended Materials." These are some examples of each: Natural and Manufactured open-ended play materials



Leaves



Pallets



Bricks



Sticks



Logs

Loose Parts are any natural or manmade open-ended items that can be moved, put together, taken apart, or redesigned in a variety of ways.



Pots and Pans



Mirrors



Beads



Shells

There are many types of "Loose Parts." These are some examples:



Burlap



Cork



Tiles



Screws



Cardboard Boxes



Spools