

# BabyTALK Sixteen Month Activities

## How high can I go?

- Preparation
- Assessment
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- Baby TALK System of Care
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### Purpose:

With improved fine motor skills and creative play skills, you may see your toddler building towers with blocks or other stackable objects. Stacking blocks develops hand-eye coordination, and it helps her begin to think about math as she learns the most basic concepts in geometry and balance.

**Materials:** Blocks of various sizes

### Let's wonder together:

- When does your child get opportunities to stack and build items?
- How does she seem to enjoy doing this?
- When do you sit with her and play these stacking games?

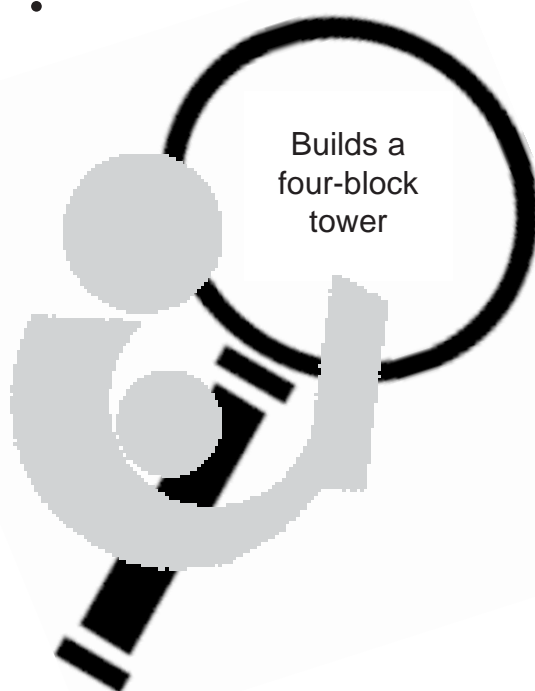
### Activity:

Let's have you play with her and encourage her to build a tower using blocks.

- Where is the best place to do this?
- If you sit with her and put some blocks in between the two of you, what do you think she will do?
- What if you hand her two blocks and ask her to stack them?
- What if you show her how to start stacking them?
- Does she have fun knocking down a tower you build?
- If she does not want to stack them, how else might you play with them?

### What do you think about this:

- What other household objects might you let your toddler stack?
- What else does she play that uses a lot of hand eye coordination?



## Illinois Early Learning Guidelines Standard(s):

**16-24 months** Physical Development & Health

### Fine Motor

Controls placement of objects in a more effective manner, e.g., stacks blocks in a more orderly fashion