

---

## OBJECT PERMANENCE BOX

---

This is a fun activity for babies around 8+ months. The baby can place a ball in a hole and wait for it to roll out.

### MATERIALS

---

- Shoebox lid
- Smaller box with flap top (see illustration) that can sit inside the shoebox lid and takes up about half of the space of the lid. (Square tissue boxes work well.)
- A small or medium ball (Wiffle balls work well)
- Glue
- Scissors

### DIRECTIONS

---

1. Push the open flap of the small box into the inside of the box so that it creates a slanted slide. You may need to tape it in place.
2. Cut a circular hole on the top of the box (see illustration). Use the ball to measure the size of the hole.
3. Place the small box flush against one side of the lid so hole is on top and the open side is facing the rest of the lid.
4. Tape the smaller box in place. You may paint or cover the box with used paper or tape to make it beautiful.

When complete, the baby should be able to put the ball in the hole and have it slip down the slide and out into the lid.

You can make a **posting activity** with any box or container with a lid that your baby can easily take off. (A cylinder oatmeal container will work well here.) Show your baby how to put objects through the hole and then open the container to retrieve them. You can try large buttons, small balls, straws, or toothpicks.

