

ACTIVITY TIME

Eco Baby: Where Are You Koala?

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Can you find koala's secret hiding place? Take a walk through the Australian bush and see. You might meet some other amazing animals along the way. A plastic-free touch and feel board book.



Lift-the-flap emu egg

You will need:

- Cut out templates (see attached)
- Thin cardboard
- Optional – pieces of different materials, ideas include: velvet, cotton, towelling, smooth cardboard from a tissue box or corrugated cardboard
- Non-toxic glue.

What to do:

1. Print out template and cut out the egg shape.
2. To strengthen the emu chick and egg you can glue them onto thin cardboard (for example a cereal box).
3. Stick the bottom of the egg template so it covers the emu chick. Show your baby how to lift-the-flap and reveal the surprise inside.
4. Use as play objects during tummy time or play time.

More ideas

If you like, have different textures or materials available for your baby to explore. Print multiple copies of the template and add different materials to the emu or the egg to make a simple touch and feel game for your baby. Some ideas for materials include; velvet, towel (tea towel or bath towel), smooth/shiny cardboard (from a cereal or tissue box) or corrugated cardboard.

Bring your baby's attention to the emu and chat with them. You can; point out the emu's soft feathery wing, her hard pointy beak, and even "cheap, cheap, cheap" like a emu chick. Talking with your baby helps them to learn language. Right from the start babies are taking in the world around them and will be making connections between sounds, words and objects by watching and listening to you speak with them.

Songs

Five Little Ducks, Open Shut Them and Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear.

Key message

Children learn language by listening to it and using it.



Adult supervision is essential. Involve and talk with your child as much as possible.



