

PIG the STINKER



Six Squeaky Clean Tips to Make Bath Time Fun

DRAWING A BATH. Turn your bath tiles into a canvas with bath-friendly crayons. It will be the one room in the house where they're actually encouraged to write on walls! Get there first and draw a stick figure with a face, hair, arms, legs, fingers, and toes. One by one, your child can wipe them away as each body part is washed.

FLOAT OR SINK? Before bath time, enlist your child's help in collecting waterproof objects for the challenge. Will they float or sink? Turn the game into a science lesson by asking your child to make a prediction.

TUB GAMES. These easy-to-play games can increase your child's cognitive and motor skills, and keep them engaged:

- Bath-ketball: All you need are balls and a stick-on hoop or small bucket.
- Ice-fishing: How many ice cubes can your child save with a strainer before they melt?
- Alphabet soup: A spelling or counting lesson with floatable letters and numbers.

OUT OF THE KITCHEN AND INTO THE BATH. Use everyday kitchen utensils to bring a sense of adventure to bath time. A pasta strainer can create a nice rainfall. A turkey baster makes a great impromptu squirt gun. And with a pair of plastic tongs, your child can rescue toys and other treasures at the bottom of the sea.

PLAY POOL. It may be a bathtub, but that doesn't mean you can't pretend it's a swimming pool! Let your little one wear a swimsuit, goggles, and even a small innertube if you have room. Sometimes just changing their expectations is all it takes to restore a sense of fun.

MAKE A SPLASH. It may go against your instincts, but why not let them splash once in a while? Prepare ahead by protecting the floors with towels—and don't forget to close the shower curtain to prevent additional overflow.

