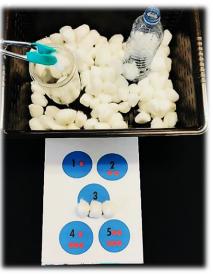
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Cotton Ball Count

WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

- Cotton balls
- Tongs
- Cup, bottle, or other container
- Basket or tray to hold the items
- Counting circle page (download and print)



WHAT TO DO NEXT:

- 1. Put a large quantity of cotton balls into a basket, tray or holder.
- 2. Use the tongs to pick up a cotton ball. Try to pick up one at a time.
- **3.** Release the tongs and drop into the cup and count.
- **4.** You can drop them into a bottle or other container instead. Remember to count how many cotton balls you dropped in.
- 5. Or use the counting circle page and place the cotton balls onto the red dots.
- **6.** All ages can do this activity. Babies can use their fingers to build up their pincer grasp.
- The learning goals are counting, focusing, exploring the sense of touch, developing spatial awareness, and hand-eye coordination.