

Picking Strawberries

Activity Guide

You will need:

- Strawberry Field Playdough Mat
- Basket Playdough Mat
- Cake Playdough Mat
- Natural Strawberry Playdough (or use ready-made playdough)
- Children's table knife

The Activity

- You may wish to laminate the Playdough Mats before you begin.
- Talk with your child about the process of strawberry picking. If you have been as a family before, what can they remember?
- Show them the Strawberry Field Playdough Mat and ask your child to make some more strawberries on the plants.
- Give time for your child to complete the activity. Once they have finished, talk with them about the different sized strawberries they have made. Some may be bigger or smaller than others.
- Show your child the Basket Playdough Mat. Can they "pick" their playdough strawberries and add them to the basket?
- Once the basket is full, show your child the Cake Playdough Mat. They can use their strawberries to decorate the cake. Allow your child to use their knife to chop the playdough strawberries. Talk with them about using half a strawberry and that 2 halves make a whole strawberry.
- You could also do this activity with real strawberries.

