

Steggy the Fine Motor Dinosaur

Dino Trail

Remove all of Steggy's spikes and ask your child to make a long trail for him to follow. Have your child line up each spike in a line. Then, have them go down the line, point to each spike, and say the colour.



Dino Decoration

Announce it's time to decorate Steggy. Remove all the spikes, and then request a specific number and colour of spikes. For example, start with "I would like to decorate Steggy with one red spike." Let the child place the spike anywhere on Steggy. You can increase the challenge by requesting multiple spikes at the same time. For example, "I would like one red spike and one yellow spike," or "I would like 2 purple spikes and 1 yellow spike."

Count and Discover

Remove the Spikes and create two piles with different numbers of spikes in each. For example, you could make one pile of 4 and the other of 3. Place any extra spikes to the side. Ask the child which pile has more spikes and count the numbers in each. For added variations, you can create three piles for comparison.

Guess the Number

Ask your child to close their eyes. Place a number of spikes inside Steggy's storage area; place the remaining spikes out of sight. Have your child hold Steggy and shake him. Then, ask, "How many spikes do you think are inside?" After your child guesses, tell them if the real number is greater than or less than that number—then, guess again! Keep guessing until the correct answer is found. Remove the spikes and count them to confirm.

Number order

Practice number order by lining up the spikes from 1 to 10. Have your child point to each spike and say the number as you work your way down the line. For added fun, create a fun story for each number using Steggy. For example, "My name is Steggy and I would like...3 bananas!"