



It's hot! Let's get wet with these activities picked just for you!
You will need a kiddie pool for all of these activities!

Let's go fishing! Fill a kiddie pool with water and throw in some foam fish that you can buy or make yourself by cutting out fish shapes from dish sponges. Give your child a small net (easily found at the Dollar Store) to use to catch the fish when they are playing in the pool. You can reinforce counting by asking them to catch a certain number of fish or color recognition if you use fish that are different colors!

Ice, Ice, Baby! Fill various sizes of plastic containers with water and let your child drop different colors of food coloring in each one. Freeze them overnight and then place them in a kiddie pool the next day along with a small amount of water to cover the bottom of the pool. Throw in some funnels, water bottles and plastic tools, such as play hammers, for your child to use to chip away at the ice cubes and watch the water change color as they become smaller and melt down! You could also freeze some small plastic figurines, such as dinosaurs, in each cube of ice that the children can excavate when they break through the ice.

Baby Bubble Bath: Why not take a bath with your favorite baby dolls in a kiddie pool? Fill the pool with water and any brand bubble bath. Add some sponges and your child's favorite baby dolls and they can enjoy an outdoor bubble bath!

Pool Noodle Fun: Inexpensive pool noodles can be used for so many fun activities in a kiddie pool. Cut them up into small, round pieces and pretend they are sailboats. Cut them in half and use them to hit a small beach ball back and forth between friends. Draw numbers or shapes or colors on one side of the small pieces of noodles and play a water memory matching game.

Shaving Cream Wonderland: Purchase a few containers of shaving cream (read the label to make sure the brand is safe for children). Fill the pool with shaving cream and your child can build a winter wonderland for their play animals. When they are ready to move on to another activity, turn on the hose and let them shower off the cream!

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