



# Activity-Based Learning Guide

## Kinesthetic Learner

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Turn everyday moments into powerful learning experiences.

Everyday life is a classroom waiting to be discovered. From the hum of the kitchen to the quiet rhythm of the garden, from the clink of tools to the wonder of the great outdoors — each moment holds a lesson, if we pause to see it.

Kinesthetic learners don't just absorb knowledge — they embody it. They learn by stirring, planting, building, moving, and experimenting. These real-world prompts transform ordinary tasks into extraordinary sparks of math, science, and literacy — no worksheet required.

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## Kitchen Classroom: Learning Through Cooking

- **Math:** Measure ingredients for recipes (fractions, addition, division)
- **Science:** Observe chemical reactions (baking soda + vinegar, heat changes)
- **Literacy:** Read and follow multi-step directions from a recipe

*Try this:* Let your child double or halve a recipe — math in action!

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## **Garden Lab: Science in the Soil**

- **Biology:** Study plant life cycles by growing herbs or vegetables
- **Earth Science:** Track weather patterns and sun exposure
- **Data Skills:** Chart plant growth over time with graphs or journal entries

*Try this:* Create a seed observation journal with sketches + measurements.

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## **Workshop Wonders: Build to Learn**

- **Geometry:** Build a birdhouse, box, or shelf using angles and measurements
- **Physics:** Explore balance, weight, and structure through LEGO® or block towers
- **Fine Motor Skills:** Use screwdrivers, hammers, or glue guns (safely!)

*Try this:* Assign a design challenge—like making a bridge from recycled materials.

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## **Home Science: Experiment with Everyday Items**

- **Chemistry:** Make slime, bath bombs, or ice cream in a bag
- **States of Matter:** Melt, freeze, boil, and observe transformations
- **Hypothesis Practice:** Predict and test outcomes like a real scientist

*Try this:* Create a “kitchen lab notebook” for tracking experiments.

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## **Outdoor Adventures: Learning on the Move**

- **Math:** Estimate and measure distances walked or run

- **Biology:** Identify insects, leaves, or animal tracks
- **Geography:** Draw a map of your yard, neighborhood, or park

*Try this:* Turn a hike into a scavenger hunt with math and science clues!

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💡 *Tip:* Let your child help plan the activity. Giving them ownership boosts confidence and engagement!

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## Kinesthetic Curriculum & Resource Recommendations

- [Moving Beyond the Page](#) – Project-based, hands-on curriculum with movement, experiments, and art.
  - [Tinker Crates / Kiwi Crates](#) – STEM kits encouraging building, crafting, and active learning.
  - [Action-Based Learning Games – OT Toolbox](#) – Practical kinesthetic activities for memory, focus, and multi-sensory learning.
  - [Brain Gym – Learning Through Movement](#) – Movement exercises integrating physical activity with cognitive skills.
  - [Handwriting Without Tears](#) – Multi-sensory writing program using movement for letter formation.
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