

4. Blocks – Gross Motor (Item 22 - Page 219)

Types of blocks: (includes descriptions)

_____ Unit blocks

- wood, plastic or foam
- different sizes and shapes
- smaller blocks represent fractions of the larger blocks

_____ Large hollow blocks

- wood, cardboard or hard plastic
- about the size of cinder blocks (bigger than unit blocks)
- good for outdoor use

_____ Homemade blocks – can be made from the following:

- food boxes
- larger cardboard boxes
- plastic containers
- foam containers
- tissue boxes
- wood cut into block shapes

Block materials: (solid or hollow)

_____ Wood

_____ Plastic

_____ Cardboard

_____ Cloth-covered or vinyl-covered foam

Block accessories:

_____ Small trucks, cars, trains

_____ Road signs

_____ Small toy people

_____ Small toy animals

IMPORTANT:

- Enough space, blocks, and accessories are accessible for 3 or more children to build elaborate structures.
- Blocks are accessible for a substantial portion of the day
- At least two types of blocks are accessible. They must have different characteristics to provide for varied building experiences.
- Interlocking blocks are not given credit for this item.
- Blocks available inside **and** out
- Blocks stored according to type on open, labeled shelves (pictures or outlines needed)
- Blocks are plentiful, organized, easy to access and play space is out of flow of traffic.

I need: _____