



Partner Clapping

Encourage pairs of children to turn to a neighbor and sing Pat-a-Cake while clapping hands in a crisscross (alternating hand facing up). Then act out other motions (roll, mark with b).

*Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake baker's man,
Bake me a cake as fast as you can,
Roll it and pat it and mark it with a "b,"
And put it in the oven for baby and me.*

Simplify by clapping *without* the song. For example, have them clap their partner's hands 3 times then clap once on their own. Repeat the pattern.

Some children may prefer not to touch or be touched by others. Give children the option to pat their legs or clap their own hands next to each other.

If children aren't able to clap or pat, then choose any motion that works for them and their partner. For example, nodding, stomping, blinking that they can do together in a pattern.