Prepare them for a lifetime of learning with a fine motor friend! Inviting animal pal encourages little hands to grab and grow with tactile pieces they can push, pull, turn, store, and more. Introducing your toddler to Hoot is only the start of an exciting learning adventure. That’s because one-on-one, hands-on play helps toddlers understand cause and effect, boosting confidence in their own ability to solve problems and do independent work. All the while they’re building hand strength—the key to fine-motor dependent tasks such as holding utensils and feeding themselves, getting dressed and tying their own shoes, and eventually, drawing and writing. Fine motor is truly a lifelong skill! But it all starts with your toddler’s budding imagination and curious mind. Hoot is ready for the journey!

- Identify the numbers on each of Hoot’s coins with your child. Arrange the coins in front of Hoot, point to each coin, and say the number in order, one at a time. Then, insert them into the slot on top of Hoot in order, while saying each number aloud. After each coin is inserted, use the yellow finger buttons on the bottom to open Hoot’s wings and release the coin.

- Play a memory game! Have the child close their eyes, and then insert one of the color coins into Hoot. Place the remaining 4 coins in front of Hoot. Ask the child to open their eyes and try to name the missing color coin. After they guess, have them use the yellow finger buttons to open the wings and check. For an added challenge, try hiding 2 coins inside Hoot.

- Call out a feather color for the child to find and put in Hoot’s slot. Continue with all available colors.

- To randomize play, call out a number or color (e.g., “blue,” or “3”) for the child to find and place in Hoot’s slot.

- Call out an instruction and have your child repeat it. For example, say, “Squeak Hoot’s nose!” Then, have them do the action. Other actions include “Flap Hoot’s wings” and “Spin Hoot’s eyes.” Try giving 2 different instructions at the same time and ask the child to repeat them in order.