



## Fill the Empty Space

Using paper and markers or while outside with chalk, trace common/familiar objects. Challenge children to fill the empty spaces using different objects. Prompt them to consider which objects will fit into the empty space based on size and shape. Be sure to choose items that have a distinct shape.

### Examples of familiar objects to use:

- ◆ Kitchen tools: wooden spoon, plate, tongs
- ◆ Garden tools: trowel, gloves, apron
- ◆ Instruments: toy guitar, drumstick, maracas
- ◆ Transportation: toy car, toy airplane, toy bicycle
- ◆ Nature items: stick, rock, leaf

**More Support:** Start with only a few empty spaces. For younger children, allow them to explore the materials and narrate the features as they observe.

### Acknowledge Effort

“Wow, you’re trying hard to find what fills that space. I saw you try two long objects because the space is long.”