

Wrappers

Using a large piece of cloth, children explore ways to cover their bodies.



Objective

- ❖ To explore clothing as a basic need
- ❖ To explore cross-cultural similarities and differences

Materials

- ❖ Several lengths of fabric approximately two to three yards long (sheets and towels are good, but try to have some boldly patterned fabrics)
- ❖ Clothespins with spring hinges
- ❖ Mirror
- ❖ Magazine pictures of different kinds of clothing (try to include pictures of both conventional clothing and very outlandish styles)

Procedure

1. Discuss clothing as a basic need: "Why do people wear clothes? How do clothes protect people? How does clothing change in different kinds of weather? From what kinds of materials is clothing made? Besides cloth or fabric, what other materials are used in making clothing?"
2. Hold up a piece of cloth and ask "Could this be worn as clothing?" Ask for a volunteer to show you how.
3. Give several children pieces of fabric and have them think of ways to drape it into clothing. The clothespins can be used to secure the fabric.
4. Lead a discussion about clothing using the following questions:
 - ❖ What changes would make to your outfit if this were a rainy day? A cold day? A hot day?