

## LEARNING SKILLS

### PHYSICAL

- Fine motor skills
- Balancing and hand-eye coordination

### COGNITIVE

- Counting and number recognition
- Matching and sorting

### SOCIAL EMOTIONAL

- Pretend play
- Creative thinking and imagination

### LANGUAGE

- Naming and matching
- Vocabulary building



# ACORN SOUP



**Acorn Soup** is one game in a collection of games for 2-year-olds from Peaceable Kingdom. These simple games encourage meaningful moments of connection between you and your child. Play, learn, explore, and connect!

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A Game  
for You  
and Your  
2-Year-Old

## INSTRUCTIONS



# ACORN SOUP™

## The Tasty Counting GAME!

**ACORN SOUP** is a way in to your child's imagination. When toddlers engage in pretend play they learn about themselves and the world around them. Becoming a chef and "cooking" a pretend soup full of ingredients from nature empowers your little one to create a world of his own, it builds language and organizational skills, and encourages him to experience what it's like to imagine he's someone else.

When playing Acorn Soup, let your child take the lead. She may not be able to count to three — count with her! She might want to place all ingredients in the pot at once instead of using the recipe card as a guide — cheer her on! She may want to add a real acorn — encourage her! It's all part of the exploration. Let's get counting and let's get cooking!

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Squirrel likes to store extra food for the winter. Let's help Squirrel make three yummy soups!



**Includes:** 8 recipe cards • 1 wooden spoon  
• 24 wooden ingredients



### Set Up

- Set out the bottom of the box as the "soup pot."
- Place the ingredients and the spoon nearby.
- Choose a recipe card, and put it near you and your child.

### How to Play

1. Read the first ingredient to your child or point to the picture and have her identify the ingredient. Use this moment to count the number of pictures of that ingredient.
2. Ask your child to find the matching wooden ingredients, put them on the spoon one at a time, and place each in the soup pot. Help her count each one as it goes in. Continue adding ingredients until you've completed the recipe. Remember to stir whenever you want!
3. After you've completed the recipe, turn the recipe card face down, empty the ingredients back into the pile, and choose another recipe card. Complete three recipes to end the game.

No one wins or loses Acorn Soup.  
Just play and have fun!

## EXTEND THE PLAY AND LEARNING

*There are more ways to play, learn, explore, and connect with Acorn Soup!*



### Discover Sorting Skills!

**See it and Sort it!** Your child learns the "language of math" by noticing similarities. Ask your child to sort the wooden ingredients in sets – such as fruit or things that are green.

**Make a New Soup!** Once your child has learned how to play the game, she is ready to create her own recipe. Invite your child to look for small safe toys or objects she can to stir into the pot. Ask her to name her soup and create a new recipe together!

### Pretend Play!

### Build Language Skills!

**Sing It!** Have you noticed the power of song with your little one? No matter how you think you sound, your child thinks your voice is the best. Sing out! Use the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell" to sing as you add ingredients.

*We are making soup, We are making soup,  
Hi-ho, the derry-o, We are making soup.*

*First we add the walnuts, First we add the walnuts,  
Hi-ho, the derry-o, First we add the walnuts...*