

<i>Fine motor activities for pirate groups</i>			
 Activity	What to do	Materials needed	Skills targeted
Making pirate hat	Draw around hat template Cut out hat Draw around skull and crossbones template Cut out skull and crossbones Stick on front of hat	Template for hat Cardboard/thick paper Pencil/felt tips Scissors Stapler	Pencil control Bilateral integration Eye-hand coordination Visual motor integration
Making sword	Draw around template Cut out Make handle Decorate sticking shapes in patterns	Cardboard/ cardboard tubes Template for sword Scissors Glue Decorative materials	Eye-hand coordination Spatial awareness Bilateral integration Visual motor integration
Making an eye patch	Draw round template Cut out shape Make two holes for elastic Thread elastic through hole Tie knot when size correct	Template for eye patch Black sugar paper Scissors Thin elastic	Pinch grasp Fine manual dexterity Hand strength Bilateral integration
Making a pirate hand hook	Make hook from pipe cleaners by twisting two together and making 'hook' shape Thread pipe cleaner through bottom of pot Secure tightly Place hand inside pot	Small plastic flower pots Pipe cleaners	Bilateral integration Eye-hand coordination Motor planning and organisation Visual motor integration
Making pieces of eight	Select template for pattern Place Hamma beads on template in desired shape Iron into place	Templates for Hamma beads Hamma beads Dishes for beads Paper for ironing Iron	Motor planning Organisation Fine manual dexterity Sequencing
Making message to put into bottle	Write message on paper using wax candle or lemon juice Roll up paper Unscrew bottle Post rolled message into narrow necked bottle	Paper Candle/lemon juice Writing tool/stick Plastic drink bottles with lids	Manual dexterity Pencil skills

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<i>Making parrot to sit on shoulder</i>	<i>Follow directions on making parrot</i> <i>Cut out parrot</i> <i>Stick</i> <i>Place on shoulder</i>	Photocopied parrot sheet Coloured paper Felt tip pens Scissors Glue	Bilateral integration Dexterity Eye-hand coordination Pencil skills
<i>Making a skeleton</i>	<i>Stick skeleton onto card</i> <i>Cut out each part of skeleton</i> <i>Colour</i> <i>Assemble skeleton using split pins so it can move</i>	Skeleton outline on paper Card Glue Scissors Split pins	Bilateral integration Eye-hand coordination Fine manual dexterity
<i>Making a telescope</i>	<i>Copy pre-writing patterns onto coloured paper</i> <i>Wrap the completed paper sheet around a cardboard tube</i> <i>Stick open edge</i> <i>Thread string through tube</i>	Coloured paper Felt tip pens Cardboard tubes Sellotape® Glue stick String	Bilateral integration Pencil control/fluency Motor planning and organisation Eye-hand coordination
<i>Dressing up as pirates using accessories made during the group activities</i>	<i>Pirate hat</i> <i>Eye patch</i> <i>Telescope</i> <i>Hook hand</i> <i>Sword/dagger</i> <i>Parrot to sit on shoulder</i> <i>Pieces of eight</i> <i>Message in bottle to throw in sea</i>	Own child's work, i.e. Pirate hat Eye patch Telescope Hook hand Sword/dagger Parrot to sit on shoulder Pieces of eight Bottle with message	Bilateral integration Spatial awareness Body awareness Motor planning Organisation Eye-hand coordination Fine manual dexterity
<i>Making targets and fire cannon balls at them</i>	<i>Cut out pirate shapes</i> <i>Stick against a wall or bench using Blu-Tack</i> <i>Screw paper into balls</i> <i>Use as targets for 'flicking' activity (lie on tummy with eight balls in front, four for each hand)</i> <i>Flick at target by opposing each finger and thumb in turn—initially each hand separately and then both together</i>	Pictures of pirates Scissor Felt tip pens Blu-Tack Paper to screw up into balls Mats for children to lie on Wall or bench turned on side to attach target and 'fire' balls	Bilateral integration Pencil control Motor planning and accuracy Organisation Fine manual dexterity Hand strengthening

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<i>Making model using clay or play dough</i>	<i>Pinch, poke, pull, squeeze, roll, etc. to make models</i>	Easy modelling clay Play dough Modelling tools Slabs/plates for completed models	Hand strengthening In hand manipulation Thumb-finger opposition Fine manual dexterity
<i>Making models from paper</i>	<i>Select origami shapes (boat, whale, fish, etc.) Fold paper step by step, Flatten paper with tips of fingers Decorate finished object</i>	Photocopied instructions Appropriate paper Pens for colouring Decorative materials	Shape and form Spatial awareness Hand strengthening Finger dexterity
<i>Making pirate mask</i>	<i>Colour mask Stick onto cardboard Cut out Make two holes for elastic Thread elastic through holes Tie in knot when correct size</i>	Paper mask picture Cardboard Felt tips Scissors Elastic	Eye-hand coordination Visual motor integration Bilateral integration
<i>Pencil and paper tasks</i>	<i>Dot-to-dot activity sheets on appropriate island topics Find the hidden . . . Word searches Pictures to colour Scrambled words Paint by numbers Matching shapes, e.g. fit key into treasure chest</i>	Activity sheets Pencils/felt tips Paints Scissors	Eye-hand coordination Visual motor integration Sequencing Pencil grasp Pencil pressure Tracking and flow Visual perceptual skills
<i>Therapeutic putty activities</i>	<i>Give putty in appropriate grade to each child Pinch, poke, pull, squeeze, roll, to make putty change shape</i>	Selection of putty, as it is sold in different strengths from very soft (yellow) to extra hard (blue)	Hand strengthening In hand manipulation Thumb-finger opposition Fine manual dexterity

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<i>Circuit training—fine manual dexterity tasks</i> These activities are done for one minute and the score recorded on a score sheet (see A 3 page 371). Each child is working on her own, trying to beat her previous score rather than challenging her neighbour. The children complete all activities in sequence.	<i>Threading pasta</i> on lace/string <i>Posting pennies</i> in box with clothes peg or tweezers <i>Clipping clothes pegs</i> around a box or plate <i>Putting pegs into holes</i> on pegboard <i>Holding bottle</i> with one hand and <i>posting peas</i> through narrow opening <i>Making necklace</i> with paper clips/bulldog clips <i>Squeezing sponges</i> to transfer water from one pot to another <i>Squirting water</i> from squeeze bottle to hit target, e.g. ping pong ball in bowl	Pasta in bowl and lace Pennies, clothes pegs, tweezers, box with slit in lid Clothes pegs, paper plates or box Pegs and pegboard Plastic bottle with narrow neck and peas in bowl Paper clips/bull dog clips in bowl or on plate Sponges and pot(s) Plastic bottles of different sizes, bowl and ping pong ball Score sheets Pencils	Fine manual dexterity Hand strengthening Bilateral integration Eye-hand coordination In hand manipulation Counting and recording