



What is a Schema? Why is it important?



Schemas are repeated patterns of behavior that children will go through in order to explore their environment. The answer to “Why do they always have to do that?” is “Because, that’s how they learn”.

The 9 schemas associated with children are:
Trajectory, Transporting, Enveloping, Orientation, Positioning,
Rotational, Transformation, Connecting and Containment.

Enveloping

Covering themselves or objects with different materials



**Have a sheet or blanket over their head.
Wrap things in fabric or paper and tape.
Use blankets to create a cave or a den.
Wear layers of scarves and hats.
Hide, camouflage or conceal themselves.
Likes to paint themselves and peel it off.**



Ways to encourage exploration:

- Blankets, sheet, large towels
- Dress up items, scarves
- Tunnels and forts
- Tape, ribbon, rope
- Paint to paint themselves
- Play “peek-a-boo” and “hide and seek”



Language to use: hide, disappear, over, under, inside, outside