

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.

Connecting

Making connections between objects and/or people



Clicking Lego or snap blocks together
Buckling buckles
Joining objects with string or tape
Gluing things together
Opening and closing doors
Holding hands



Ways to encourage exploration:

- Snap blocks and beads
- Skill board with buckles, zippers, buttons
- Masking tape or painters tape
- Safe glues and things to glue together
- Skill board with doors, keys and latches
- Contact paper for sticking things to



Language to use: stick, onto, hold, together, place, open, close, lock