



3+ years

GROSS MOTOR



Sweeping A Rug or Carpet

MATERIALS

Carpet, child-sized dustpan and brush.

PRESENTATION

Invite the child to the place where the dustpan and brush is stored. Demonstrate how the material is held and allow the child to carry it to the workspace. Sit or kneel on the right side of the child and ask the child to place their hands on their lap while they watch what you are going to do.

Unroll the rug or carpet (if necessary). Place the edge of the dustpan underneath a corner of the rug and hold it steady, using the non-dominant hand. You should be seated with the dustpan handle directly in front of you. With the dominant hand, slowly use the brush to direct dust or dirt particles into the dustpan. The movements of the brush will be made towards you while you do this.

Sweep the rug in small sections, moving around to each corner of the rug. After moving to the second corner of the rug, invite the child to try this activity. When the rug has been swept, leave the brush on the floor and, holding the dustpan carefully in both hands, carry it to the place where dirt or dust is disposed of.

DIRECT AIM

Care of the environment.



INDIRECT AIM

Coordination of movement.



CONTROL OF ERROR

Dirt left on the carpet will be visible.



POINT OF INTEREST

The edge of the dustpan can be placed under a corner of the rug/carpet.



AGE

From three years, onwards.