



Birds of a Feather!



Make a Mask: Make some chicken masks to inspire you and your child to move around like birds of a feather as you listen to “There Ain’t Nobody Here But Us Chickens.” Using a piece of construction paper or other sturdy art paper, draw a picture of a chicken head. Feel free to use books, websites, or pictures for inspiration, but remember—your drawing doesn’t have to be perfect. Silly is always good! Have your child color in his mask (how about gluing on feathers from a craft store?), then cut around the edges and make eye holes. Punch a hole in either side of the mask so you can secure it over your child’s face using a piece of yarn or a large rubber band. Don’t forget to make a mask for yourself, too!

Move Like a Chicken: Slip on your masks, turn on the music, and act like chickens! Can you cluck, flap your wings, scratch for worms, and hatch imaginary eggs?

As If Having Fun Isn’t Enough: Pretend play is an important part of your child’s cognitive development. When you encourage your child to find many different ways to imitate a chicken—and join in the pretending yourself—you offer emotional and mental scaffolding that helps him gain confidence in expressing his own unique sense of creativity. Making your own masks develops fine motor skills and further encourages creativity.



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