

How to Make a Mystery Bucket

Materials:

- Large plastic container with a lid (i.e., a large, empty/clean ice cream tub)
- Decorative duct tape
- 1 Foam Sheet (approximately 8.85" x 11.8"; available from arts and crafts section)
- Scissors
- Hot glue gun

How to Make it:

- Cut a large hole in the top of the lid (about 6" across).
- Decorate lid and container with duct tape.
- Cut an "X" in the foam sheet, forming an opening large enough to easily slip a preschooler's hand through, but not so big that you can see inside.
- Cut and glue the foam to the underside of the lid.
- Place lid on the top of container.

Mystery Bucket Procedure:

Without children looking, place food inside of mystery bucket. Allow each child to reach and feel the food inside without looking. Encourage children to describe how it feels. Ask children to guess the food after every child has had a turn.

Variation: Use a large, non-transparent bag instead of making a bucket.

