Joy Rotation Guide

Divide toys into 6-8 categories. Examples include but are not limited to: Books, Pretend Play, Dolls/Action Figures, Building Toys, and Art.

Declutter the categories. Less is more! The fewer toys you have the more the kids will play with them. They will come up with endless creative ways to utilize the same toys.

Divide your number of toys into rotations. Do this by seeing how much of each category will fit into an 11 x 11 inch square. For example: Barbie Dolls. How many Barbie dolls will fit into this square without layering them? Let's say that number is 10 Barbies. Look at the total number of Barbies you have. Let's say that number is 40 total. That means that you can create 4 rotations with 10 Barbies in each rotation.

Decide on your number of rotations. Look at all the categories and how many rotations you have with each category. Take your lowest number of rotations and declutter the rest of your categories down to that number. For example: you have enough Barbies for 4 rotations but you only have enough Art toys for 2 rotations. Declutter the Barbies and other categories down to 2 rotations.

Create your rotation bins. Everything in 1 rotation, regardless of category, will go into the same bin. You do not have to organize the bins by category.

Keep in mind that your child might be extra attached to some category of toy and it's okay to leave that category out all the time. Do what works best for you and your child!

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