

## Montessori Visual Mobiles

"The first essential for the child's development is concentration. It lays the whole foundation for his character and social behavior. He must find out how to concentrate, and for this he needs things to concentrate upon."

Maria Montessori

Name of Mobile	Age to be introduced	Description
Black and White pictures	Birth-2 weeks	Black and white pictures
Munari	2-6 weeks	Black and white figures and a clear globe
Octahedron	5-8 weeks	3 metallic octahedrons in primary colours (blue, red and yellow)
Gobbi	7-10 weeks	5 balls in different shades of one colour
Dancers	8 weeks - 3 months	4 metallic cut outs that resemble dancing figures
Additional visual mobiles	Various ages	Butterflies, fish, etc

### **Ways to hang the mobiles:**

1. Air vents in the ceiling (you can use a string to hang the mobile from the slats in the vent).
2. Floor lamp (this is the most popular way to hang my mobiles! If you have a floor lamp that will work, simply hang the mobile from the lamp using a ribbon secured to the lamp.)
3. Play tent (if you have a play tent (5+ feet tall), the mobile can be hung from the center of the tent)
4. Since the mobiles are so light you can use an adhesive hook. Adhesive hooks come in various sizes and are easy to remove without damaging the paint on your ceiling. Note that adhesive hooks only stick on to flat ceilings, not textured ceilings.

Look around your home to see if there is anything else that you hang the mobile from while your baby lies underneath it. Be creative!

### **Other important tips**

1. Mobiles should be hung 10-12 inches away from the baby, above the chest
2. Before presenting the mobile, inspect the set up to ensure safety. When first presenting the mobile to your baby, stay close by to ensure it is safe.
3. Keep in mind that these mobiles are for the visual sense only – not for grasping and touching.
4. Ideally, they should not be placed over a bed because the bed is intended for sleeping, not playing. They should be wherever the baby spends time when alert and playing independently.
5. The mobiles can be changed every 2 weeks, depending on your child's interest and concentration.
6. Montessori Mobiles are fragile and easily tangled. In between the use, hang them somewhere safe and separately.
7. Remove visual mobiles when the baby has turned around 6 months old. Around this age, they can reach out and grasp the mobiles.

Please note this is a visual mobile only and should not be used as a toy. Keep it out of the reach of children under 5. Don't forget to supervise your child!

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