

Fine Motor Development Checklists:

Age	Fine motor development
1 month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hands fisted near face
2 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hands unfisted 50% of the time • Retains rattle if placed in hand • Holds hands together
3 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hands unfisted 50% of the time • Inspects fingers • Bats at objects
4 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hands held predominately open • Clutches at clothes • Reaches persistently • Plays with rattle
5 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Palmer grasps cube • Transfer objects; hand-mouth-hand • Holds hands together • Reaches/ grasps dangling ring
6 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfers objects hand – hand • Rakes pellet • Takes second cube and holds on to first • Reaches with one hand
7 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radial –palmar grasp
8 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bangs spoon after demonstration • Scissors grasp of cube • Takes cube out of cup • Pulls out large peg
9 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radial- digital grasp of cube • Bangs two cubes together
10 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clumsy release of cube • Inferior pincer grasp of pellet • Isolates index finger and pokes
11 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Throws objects • Stirs with spoon
12 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scribbles after demonstration • Fine pincer grasp of pellet • Holds crayon • Attempts tower of two cubes
13 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attempts to release pellet (small object) in bottle
14 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imitates back and forth scribble • Adds third cube to a two-cube tower • Puts round peg in and out of hole
15 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Builds three to four cube tower • Places 10 cubes in cup • Releases pellet into bottle
16 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Puts several round pegs in board with urging • Scribbles spontaneously

18 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes four-cube tower • Roughly imitates vertical stroke
20 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completes round peg board without urging • Makes five to six cube tower • Completes square peg board
22 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closes box with lid • Imitates vertical line • Imitates circular scribble
24 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes a single line 'train' of cubes • Imitates circle • Imitates horizontal line
28 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strings large beads awkwardly • Unscrews jar lid • Turns paper pages (often several at once)
30 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes eight cube tower • Makes a 'train' of cubes and includes a stack
33 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes 9 to 10 cube tower • Puts six square pegs in pegboard • Imitates cross
3 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copies circle • Cuts with scissors: side to side (awkwardly) • Strings small beads well • Imitates bridge of cubes
4 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copies square • Ties single knot • Cuts 5 inch circle • Uses tongs to transfer • Writes part of first name • Imitates gate with cubes
5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copies triangle • Puts paper clip on paper • Can use clothes pins to transfer small objects • Cuts with scissors • Writes first name • Builds stairs from model
6 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Builds stairs from memory • Draws diamond • Writes first and last name • Creates and writes short sentences • Forms letters with down going and counterclockwise strokes • Copies drawing of flag