

Early Intervention

Dressing Tips: What to Expect Next Chart





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Tools to Grow at Home Dressing Skills What to Expect Next

Your child is developing dressing skills in this range. Remember each child is unique and will develop at his or her own rate. Use the guide as a tool to learn what step is next and how to help your child move to the next stage.

AGE	DRESSING SKILLS
12 - 18 MONTHS	 Cooperates by holding arm out for sleeves & puts foot up for shoes Pushes arms through sleeves & legs through pants Begins to get undressed Pulls socks & shoes off Removes hat
24 - 30 MONTHS	 Gets undressed with help for fasteners & sequencing Helps pull up elastic waist pants Unbuttons one large button
30 - 36 MONTHS	 Tries to put on socks Puts on front-button shirt (without buttoning)
3 - 4 YEARS	 Gets dressed & undressed with minimal help (using no-tie shoes) Puts on shoes (may be incorrect feet) Puts on socks with minimal assistance at times Pulls down pants Unzips & zips non-separating zipper Zips down pants Buttons large buttons Snaps Unbuckles
4-5 YEARS	 Buckles Connect two-part separating jacket zipper and zips up Puts on socks correctly Puts on shoes with minimal assistance Knows front versus back of clothing
5-7 YEARS	 Dresses without help or supervision Ties Shoes