

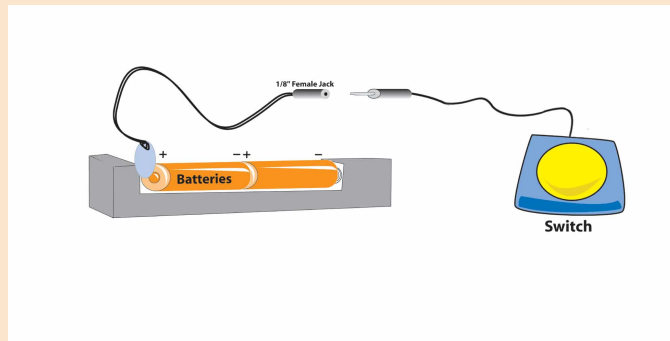
Alternative Methods for Adapting Toys

Do I have to hardwire a switch port to make my toy more accessible?

The answer is no! Here are some other ways to improve the accessibility of your toy.

Use a battery interrupter

- A battery interrupter allows you to use a switch with your toy without hardwired modifications.
- Check out this [video](#) showing how to adapt a toy with a battery interrupter
- Purchase a battery interrupter for AA or AAA batteries [here](#)
- Purchase a battery interrupter for C or D batteries [here](#)



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Build up certain buttons or pieces of the toy

- Make parts of the toy easier to grasp by extending or enlarging them
- Example: adding knobs or dowels to puzzle pieces



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Add highlight or texture to buttons and pieces

- This makes the piece easier to see and feel
- Add contrasting colors to parts of the toy that you want the child to focus on
- Example: Add sandpaper texture to pieces



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Using velcro

- Velcroing pieces for stability
- Velcroing toys down so they are in a consistent spot
- Example: Adding velcro to stacking blocks



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Simplify the toy

- Block off some features of the toy
- Example: cover up a portion of a puzzle and provide the child with just the pieces that are showing



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Check out this resource for more toy adaptation ideas: [Toy Tips](#)

Please contact us at gobabygo.oregon@gmail.com if you have any questions or need additional assistance or funding resources.

If you have any trouble with your toy (It breaks, stops responding with a switch, etc.) please do not hesitate to contact us and we can try to fix it!