DIY Key Holder

If your child is particularly handy or artistic, she'll love putting her talents toward making a custom key holder board. Painting is a wonderful fine motor workout that allows your child's creativity to shine. This practical project looks great in the kitchen and would make a terrific gift for Mother's Day or Grandparent's Day!

What You Need:

- An old wood cutting board (if you don't have one, you can get one at a thrift store or garage sale)
- Paints for pourous surfaces
- Paint brushes
- Hooks (the kind that screw in)
- Butter knife or screwdriver

What You Do:

1. Have your child take a clean wood cutting board and paint a picture on it. It can be a picture of ladybugs, flowers or even fruits and vegetables. Once the artwork is complete, allow to dry.
2. Once the board is completely dry, take three hooks and help your child screw them into the board. For bonus math practice, have her use a ruler to make sure they're evenly spaced and take the opportunity to discuss measurement!
3. As you get further into the board, the screws may be harder to turn. Simply take a screwdriver or butter knife, put it inside the hook part and turn. Take turns with your child when using the butterknife or screw driver — she'll get a kick out of it and it will introduce her to the concept of torque!
4. With your child, choose a special place to hang your board. Then, hang your keys!

Imagine your child's sense of pride as they see their artwork holding something so precious and important. To top it all off, you don't have to worry about losing your keys anymore!

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