Turn-Taking Tower

Category: Social skills | Ages: 3–4 | Time: 12 min | Prep: 2–3 minutes | Mess: Low | Indoor

Why it matters

Practice waiting, cheering for others, and handling wobbly tumbles gracefully. In US preschool and kindergarten classrooms, teachers look for hands-on curiosity, comfortable focus for 10–15 minutes, and the confidence to try new ideas out loud. Practicing turn-taking, patience, and handling frustration calmly through relaxed play builds lasting readiness without worksheet pressure.

Materials checklist

[ ] Wooden blocks or plastic cups

Step-by-step instructions

1. Take turns adding one block at a time to a shared tower.
2. Say “My turn!” and “Your turn!” clearly on each move.
3. When the tower tumbles, celebrate the crash together and say “Let’s rebuild!”
4. Pause to ask your child what they noticed or enjoyed most about this part of the quest.
5. Tidy up the materials together as a calm finish—practicing classroom-ready clean-up habits!

What to say

- “Let’s take our time and see what happens when we try Turn-Taking Tower together!”
- “I noticed how carefully you focused on each step—what should we try next?”
- “Can you teach me how you did that?”

Notes & observations: