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Peg + Cat: The Pirates’ “Great Banana” Fruit Salad

What's The Point
Ahoy, mateys! This activity – and delicious recipe – helps children practice counting, dividing and sharing while they make their very own afternoon snack. Children will count by ones while dividing piles of fresh fruit into treasure chests, just like those found on Pirate Island.

This Activity Will Help Your Child
- Practice dividing, sorting, and fair sharing
- Count by ones
- Follow instructions

Book Suggestions
- BIG DOG, LITTLE DOG
  by P.D. Eastman
- FEAST FOR 10
  by Cathryn Falwell
- QUACK AND COUNT
  by Keith Baker
- The Chicken Problem
  by Billy Aronson

Supplies
- Bananas, strawberries, grapes, peaches, and blueberries
- Empty yogurt cups or small plastic containers
- Markers or crayons
- White paper
- Scissors
- Tape

How Do I Do It?
Treasure Chest:
- Measure the height of each yogurt cup or plastic container on the long edge of the white paper.
- Cut strips of paper that are as wide as the containers are tall.
- Follow these step-by-step instructions to color the strips of paper so they look just like wood.
- Wrap a strip of “wood” around each plastic container to transform it into a “wooden” treasure chest, complete with a big lock to keep Big Mouth from swiping your banana slices!

Fruit Salad:
- Wash all the fruit going into the salad.
- Cut each banana into 16 pieces – that’s 10 pieces, plus another 6!
- Cut each strawberry into 4 pieces – that’s 3 pieces, plus another 1!
• Cut the peaches into bite-size pieces. (Pirates love peaches!)
• If the grapes are large, cut them in half – that’s right down the middle!
• Put each fruit into its own bowl.

Now fill your chests with fruity treasure! Count out 5 banana slices, 6 strawberries, 7 grapes, 8 peaches, and 9 blueberries and put them into each chest. Then, dig in – the treasure is yours for the taking! Arrrr!

**Take It Further**

Use the extra pieces of fruit (or uneaten bits of treasure) to make fruity patterns. Decide on a pattern – one banana, one strawberry, one banana, one strawberry – and then turn it into a fruit kabob by threading the fruit pieces onto a wooden skewer, plastic straw, or pretzel stick. Start a pattern for your child to finish, and then ask your child to come up with a pattern for you to finish.
So fruit salad is like this salad, made totally out of fruit!

It’s got all this stuff mixed together, because it’s a salad. And it’s sweet and colorful and juicy because it’s fruit!

Fruit salad is so amaaaazing, how can you possibly make it any better? The same way you make anything better:

By putting it in a treasure chest! Like yer a pirate!

Arrrrrrre ye ready?
The Pirates’ “Great Banana” Fruit Salad Recipe and Craft Activity

Step 1: Make Your Own Treasure Chest

You’ll Need:
- Empty yogurt cups or small plastic containers
- White paper
- Scissors
- Markers or crayons
- Tape

Directions:
1. Clean out yogurt cups or small plastic containers.
2. Measure the height of the container on the long edge of the white paper.
3. Cut out the strip and decorate your treasure chest with markers or crayons.
4. Draw the wooden boards that make up the chest, and don’t forget a large lock on the front! So Big Mouth doesn’t swipe your banana slices!
5. Once you’ve colored your chest, wrap the paper strip around the top of your plastic container and tape it in place.

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5. If your grapes are large, cut them in half.
   *(That means cut them right down the middle!)*

6. Put each fruit into its own bowl.
Step 3: Put it together

Now it’s time to fill your treasure chest! Count as you spoon the following into each chest:

- 5 bananas
- 6 strawberries
- 7 grapes
- 8 peaches
- 9 blueberries

Step 4: Dig in!

Once you’ve filled your chest, it’s time to fill yer belly! With juicy tasty fruit salad! Dig in! Arrrr!

PEG + CAT is a new animated preschool series that follows Peg and her sidekick, Cat, as they share hilarious adventures and solve really big problems in some amazing places throughout the universe -- from a magical forest, to a circus, to pirate island, and beyond.