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Books for Toddlers:

Trucks by Byron Barton, © 1986. (GO Barton)
Roadwork by Sally Sutton, © 2008. (GO Sutton)
Construction by Sally Sutton, © 2014. (GO Sutton)
Bigger! Bigger! by Leslie Patricelli, © 2018 (STORIES Patricelli)
Max speed by Stephen Shaskan, © 2016. (STORIES Shaskan)
When I build with blocks by Niki Alling, © 2014. (STORIES Alling)
Demolition by Sally Sutton, © 2012. (+BOARD Sutton)
Construyendo by Sally Sutton, © 2014. (+BOARD WRLDLANG S Sutton)

Books for Preschoolers:

Dump trucks haul! by Beth Bence Reinke, © 2018 (GO 629.224 R275d)
What if... by Samantha Berger, © 2018. (STORIES Berger)
School's first day of school by Adam Rex, © 2016. (FAVORITES Rex)
City shapes by Diana Murray, © 2016. (CONCEPTS Murray)
Building our house by Jonathan Bean, © 2013. (GO Bean)
Perfect square by Michael Hall, © 2011. (CONCEPTS Hall)
Dreaming up by Christy Hale, © 2012. (STORIES Hale)
More-igami by Dori Kleber, © 2016. (STORIES Kleber)

School-Age Extension:

Hey, wall by Susan Verde, © 2018. (FAVORITES Verde)



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Fingerplays & Songs :

Danika Works with One Hammer

Danika works with one hammer, *(move one hand up and down like using hammer)*

one hammer, one hammer.

Danika works with one hammer,

Then she works with two.

(move two hands up and down like using hammer.)

Danika works with two hammers... Then she works with three.

(hammer with both hands and stamp one foot on floor.)

Danika works with three hammers... Then she works with four.

(hammer with both hands and stamp both feet on floor.)

Danika works with four hammers... Then she works with five.

(hammer with both hands, stamp both feet on floor, and nod head up and down.)

Danika works with five hammers... Then she goes to sleep.

(hammer with both hands, stamp feet on floor, nod head, then rest head on joined palms & pretend to go to sleep.)

Construction Worker Song

(to tune of: "Here we Go Round the Mulberry Bush.")

This is the way we pound our nails,

pound our nails, pound our nails.

This is the way we pound our nails,

So early in the morning

Other verses:

saw our wood

use a screwdriver

drill a hole

stack the bricks



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paint the walls
stir the paint

Cranes

Cranes reach up
(reach up)
Cranes reach down
(reach down)
Cranes reach out,
(reach straight out.)
And all around.
(turn around).

The Carpenter

The carpenter's hammer goes rap, rap, rap.
(pretend to hammer.)
And her saw goes see-saw-see.
(Pretend to saw.)
She hammers and hammers, and saws and saws,
(Pretend to hammer, then saw.)
To build a house for me.
(Form roof shape with fingers.)

She'll Be Driving a Bulldozer

(Tune: "She'll be Coming 'Round the Mountain")
She'll be driving a bulldozer
When she comes.
Push it back! *(Hold hands palm out and move them away from body.)*
She'll be driving a bulldozer
When she comes.
Push it back! *(Hold hands palm out and move them away from body.)*



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She'll be driving a bulldozer,
She'll be driving a bulldozer,
She'll be driving a bulldozer,
When she comes.

Push it back! *(Hold hands palm out and move them away from body.)*

She'll be running a big digger when she comes.

Scoop it up! *(Make a scooping motion with hands.)*

She'll be running a big digger when she comes.

Scoop it up! *(Make a scooping motion with hands.)*

She'll be running a big digger,

She'll be running a big digger,

She'll be running a big digger,

When she comes.

Scoop it up! Push it back! *(Perform both motions.)*

Other verses:

She'll be working a dirt-dumper... Look out below! *(Cup hands around mouth.)*

She'll be on a cement mixer... Shake it up! *(Shake your body.)*

She'll be steering a steamroller... Roll it flat! *(Twirl arms around each other.)*

She'll be driving a street-sweeper... Clean it up! *(Make sweeping motions with hands.)*

Five little nails
Standing straight and steady.
Here comes the carpenter
With a hammer ready!
Bam! Bam! Bam! *(remove one nail.)*



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Four little nails...
Three little nails...
Two little nails...
One little nail.

Song: Stack the Blocks
(Tune: The Ants Go Marching In)
We stack the blocks one-by-one
Hurrah! Hurrah!
We stack the blocks one-by-one
Hurrah! Hurrah!
We stack the blocks one-by-one
We are having so much fun
Then they all go tumbling down – to the ground
Boom, Boom, Boom!

“Scoop and Dump”

inspired by Scoop and Dump from Neo Today (although changed quite a bit)

(tune to “Mary had a little lamb”) and with the sign for TRUCK

Scoop! Goes the TRUCK in the dirt, in the dirt, in the dirt,
Scoop! Goes the TRUCK in the dirt, scoop up all the dirt!
Reach! Goes the TRUCK into the sky, to the sky, to the sky,
Reach! Goes the TRUCK into the sky, holding up the dirt!
Fast! Goes the TRUCK on the road, on the road, on the road,
Fast! Goes the TRUCK on the road, carrying the dirt!
Dump! Goes the TRUCK into the hole, to the hole, to the hole,
Dump! Goes the TRUCK into the hold, filling it with dirt!



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Big Book: Planting a rainbow, the little red hen

Flannel Boards: felt shapes, colorful houses, Spot looks at shapes, rainbow stew, mouse shapes

Movies: Road construction ahead, All about John Deere, Planting a rainbow, The true story of the 3 little pigs

App: Sago Mini trucks and diggers

Stamps: digger, dumptruck

Craft: Construct something! Put out a bunch of different paper/shapes/supplies and challenge kids to construct something.

Early Learning Tip: Build with blocks! Letters are made up of shapes, and block play not only offers opportunity for gross and fine motor skills, but also helps kids learn and put together shapes!