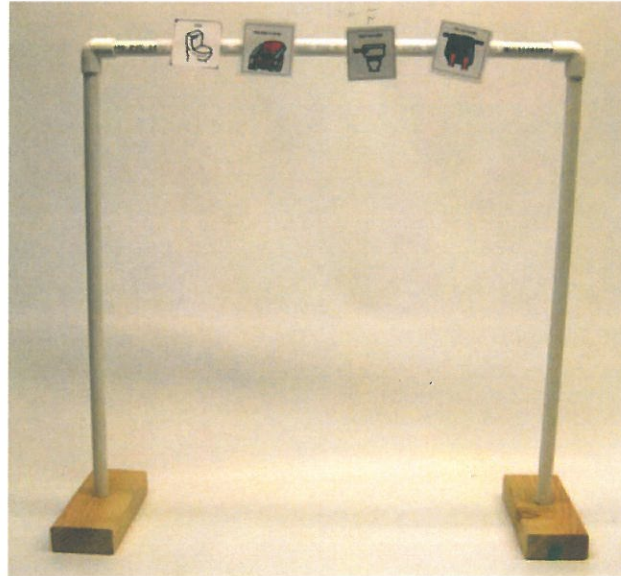




Eye Gaze Frame



An eye gaze frame can be made with simple materials obtained at a hardware store. Buy three lengths of plumber's pipe (PVC pipe) in whatever size you choose and however long you want it to be: 12—18 inches should be about right. Then purchase the equivalent elbow connectors that fit the size of pipe that you bought. Buy or make two blocks of wood about 3" by 5". Purchase sticky back Velcro strips and cover the pieces of pipe with the fuzzy part of the Velcro. Hot glue two round pipe connectors to the wood base. Fit the three pieces of pipe together with the elbow connectors and then fit the entire structure to the connectors on the wood base.

To use this eye gaze frame with your child, you can put Velcro on pictures or small objects and attach them to the Velcro-covered pipe. At first you may want to put only two objects or pictures on it at opposite ends so the child is very definite in his eye gaze as to which object or picture he wants.

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