

Tactile Boxes



Benefits

Develops tactile perception, attention, discrimination, memory, and identification.

Develops language skills and attention to textural and shape details.

Can be used to build the concept of categories based on size, shape, texture, material, function and so on.

Tactile boxes provide an interesting way to build tactile

Materials

1. shoe box
2. Decorative paper
3. Glue or tape
4. assortment of tactile materials in pairs – real objects (rings, spoon, pen) cardboard shapes or plastic shapes

Preparation

1. Cover the shoe box with patterned paper and paste securely. Cut a circle or square hole to allow a hand into the box.
2. Create a set of tactile materials
 - a. Cut shapes in pairs out of stiff cardboard and paint them in bright colours.
 - b. collect pairs of small everyday objects such as a key, ring, pencil, pen, chalk. Make sure the materials are safe to handle!
3. Put the materials of your choice into the box and ask the children to
 - a. find the matching pair,
 - b. identify the article named
 - c. find something you describe
 - d. one child describes the item