

Play-based learning at home

Colour Sorting Experience

Why colour sorting?

Colour sorting can be a fun and inexpensive activity that helps to develop your child's ability to learn colours and basic math skills.

Colour sorting also helps to develop:

- Concentration to stay at an activity.
- Problem-solving skills. Children need to consider and work through any problems they encounter as they find items.
- Understanding of patterns and sequencing, which are essential for later literacy and numeracy development.
- Language skills such as naming colours, and language concepts such as the different colours
- Counting how many of each item they have.

Here's what you'll need:

- Items to sort. This can be anything you find around your house. Coloured pencils, crayons, buttons, pegs or Lego. The possibilities are endless.
- Baskets or containers to sort into.

How to start:

- Prepare for the activity by talking to your child about colours and what items they would like to sort.
- Prepare your containers to sort into.

Here's how to do it:

- Set up your containers ready.
- Demonstrate to your child how to sort the items in to the containers.
- Get your child to have a turn, encouraging them to be creative and follow their own interests in what to sort.
- Allow/help them to experiment with different colours.
- A scavenger hunt to search for items to sort.
- Celebrate their hard work and what they have achieved.

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