

STEPPING STONES

24 to 36
MONTHS
MONTESSORI

PRE-WRITING SKILLS

MATERIALS:

- TWO SMALL BASKETS
- SEVERAL STRIPS OF PAPER (1" X 6")
- ONE TRAY
- ONE PLACEMAT

OBJECTIVES:

- DEVELOPMENT OF ORDER, CONCENTRATION, COORDINATION, AND INDEPENDENCE.
- DEVELOPMENT OF EYE-HAND COORDINATION.
- DEVELOPMENT OF FINE MOTOR SKILLS.
- DEVELOPMENT OF SELF-ESTEEM.
- LANGUAGE:
 1. PAPER, COLOR OF THE PAPER, TRAY, WRIST, TEAR, AND BASKET/BASKETS.
 2. TEARING, EMPTY AND FULL.
 3. DISCUSSION OF THE MOVEMENT OF THE WRIST.

PRESENTATION:

1. CARRY THE MAT TO THE TABLE AND ROLL IT OUT MOVING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT.
2. CARRY THE TRAY WITH TWO HANDS TO THE TABLE.
3. PLACE THE TRAY IN THE CENTER OF THE TABLE WITH THE BASKET OF PAPER STRIPS ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE TRAY AND THE EMPTY BASKET ON THE RIGHT SIDE.
4. INVITE THE CHILD TO SIT ON YOUR LEFT SIDE TO VIEW THE ACTIVITY.
5. SAY "THIS IS PAPER, AND I AM GOING TO SHOW YOU HOW TO TEAR IT."
6. SELECT A STRIP OF PAPER USING YOUR DOMINANT HAND.
7. SLOWLY MOVE YOUR HAND TO THE CENTER OF THE BASKET ON THE RIGHT.
8. WITH YOUR OTHER HAND GRASP THE STRIP ABOUT ONE INCH DOWN FROM THE TOP AND TWIST YOUR WRIST IN OPPOSITE DIRECTION TO TEAR THE PAPER.
9. PLACE THE TORN PIECE OF PAPER IN THE BASKET ON THE RIGHT.
10. MOVE YOUR HAND DOWN ABOUT ONE INCH AND REPEAT THE PROCESS UNTIL THE STRIP IS COMPLETELY TORN.
11. REPEAT THE PROCESS WITH THE REMAINING STRIPS OF PAPER.
12. LOOK INTO THE LEFT BASKET AND NOTE THAT IT IS EMPTY AND THE BASKET ON THE RIGHT IS FULL.
13. THE PIECES OF TORN PAPER CAN BE DISCARDED IN THE GARBAGE OR PLACED IN A COLLAGE BIN FOR A FUTURE ART PROJECT.

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