

# Montessori DIY Activities in the Home



*2-3 Years*



## SAND/COFFEE GRINDS/SALT TRAY FOR PRACTICING WRITING LETTERS

Source: Montessori at Home 0-3 Facebook Group Member, Nicki Bradwell



## SANDPAPER LETTERS WITH SMALL WOODEN SQUARES & SANDPAPER

Source: Montessori at Home 0-3 Facebook Group Member, Um Tarajan

Source: Montessori at Home 0-3 Facebook Group Member, Anna Damico



## TRANSFERRING ACTIVITY

Source: <http://ittybittylove.blogspot.com/2008/12/orange-pomanders.html?m=1>





## COLOR TABLETS

**MATERIALS: PLASTIC EMBROIDERY BOBBINS, ORIGAMI PAPER**

Source: <https://thewiseowlfactory.com/inexpensive-diy-montessori-color-tablets/>



## INSTRUMENTS

Source: [www.MontessoriFromTheHeart.com](http://www.MontessoriFromTheHeart.com)

Source: Montessori at Home 0-3 Facebook Group Member, Tiphane Kubala



## SPINDLE BOXES

**MATERIALS: CARDBOARD BOXES AND WOODEN SPINDLES**

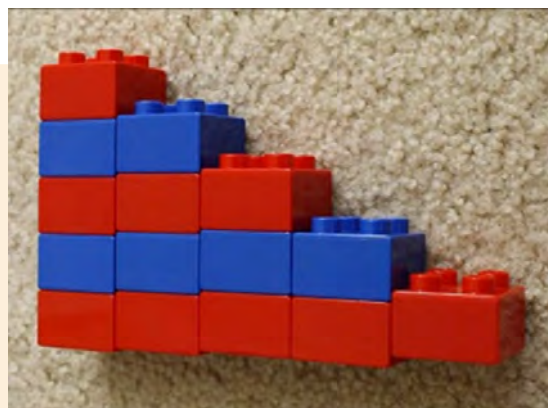
Source: [www.livingmontessorinow.com](http://www.livingmontessorinow.com)



## NUMBER RODS

**MATERIALS: RED AND BLUE LEGO PIECES**

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## SMELLING BOTTLES

### Instructions:

1. Select 8 identical glass bottles, each with a flip top or top with holes in the lid.
2. Fill the bottles with 4 extracts, spices, herbs, seasonings, etc. such as lavender, cinnamon, eucalyptus, cloves, etc. There should be 2 bottles with each scent in them when you are finished. \*\*It is important to mention if you are using clear bottles to use cotton balls and extracts, but if you use colored bottles, you can use herbs, spices, or other food items as your scents.
3. Label the bottles with two sets of symbols such as red stars and blue stars, to indicate to the child the 2 sets. For instance, one bottle with lavender would have a red star and one bottle with lavender would have a blue star.
4. Creating a control of error by subtly marking the bottoms of the bottles can be helpful for your child and for you to later check their work. For instance, each bottle with cloves would have 1 dot on the bottom of the jar and each bottle with cinnamon would have 2 dots on the bottom.

**\*Note: This same activity can be modified to create Tasting Bottles with various drinks and Sound Cylinders with concealed containers and various materials to create different sounds.**



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## THERMIC TABLETS

**MATERIALS: A BOX OR BASKET CONTAINING TWO TABLETS EACH MADE OF FELT, WOOD, STEEL, AND SLATE (OR OTHER MATERIALS HAVING VARYING TEMPERATURES).**

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## CARDS AND COUNTERS

Source: Montessori at Home 0-3 Facebook Group Member, Adelinë Tahiri  
Source: [www.livingmontessorinow.com](http://www.livingmontessorinow.com)



## COSMIC NESTING BOXES

**MATERIALS: CARDBOARD BOXES AND PRINTED PHOTOS**

Source: [www.livingmontessorinow.com](http://www.livingmontessorinow.com)



## LAND, AIR, AND WATER SORTING ACTIVITIES (\*CAN ALSO BE DONE FOR PLANTS VS. ANIMALS, LIVING VS. NONLIVING, ETC.)

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# PRACTICAL LIFE ACTIVITIES (TRANSFERRING)

Source: [www.giftofcuriosity.com](http://www.giftofcuriosity.com)  
Source: [www.becomingpeculiar.com](http://www.becomingpeculiar.com)



## COIN DROP

Source: [www.miraculove.com/blog](http://www.miraculove.com/blog)



## WOODEN PEG PULL

Source: [www.miraculove.com/blog](http://www.miraculove.com/blog)



## COLOR SORTING

**MATERIALS: FOOD ITEMS SUCH AS  
SKITTLES, M&M'S, OR POM POMS**

Source: [www.miraculove.com/blog](http://www.miraculove.com/blog)



## THREADING

**MATERIALS: TOILET PAPER ROLLS AND BREAST PUMP TUBE/ RIBBON/STRING**



Source: [www.miraculove.com/blog](http://www.miraculove.com/blog)

**MATERIALS: PENNE PASTA AND PIPE CLEANERS**



## FINE MOTOR SKILL ACTIVITY - REMOVING POM POMS OR OTHER SMALL OBJECTS FROM WHISK

Source: @montleathome on Instagram



## POSTING - PLACE SMALL OBJECTS SUCH AS LENTILS INTO A SUGAR SHAKER

Source: @montleathome on Instagram



## POSTING/THREADING - PUT PIPE CLEANERS OR ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS INTO HOLES ON COLANDER



Source: @montleathome on Instagram