

Rainbow Color Sorting Activity



Summer

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Infant
6 weeks - 2 years

The students will try to match the pom pom to the same colored cardboard tube and drop it from the top of the tube until it drops out of the bottom.

Learning Outcomes

Domain:

Cognitive

Skills:

Attention
Regulation

Indicator:

Dropping objects.
Grouping like objects together.



Materials

- 7 cardboard tubes each painted a different color of rainbow
- Painters tape to attach to wall
- Tray, bins, or bowls to “catch” pom poms under tubes
- 10-15 large pom poms in each color of rainbow
- Photos of rainbows on wall near by



Instructions

Step 1: Choose where you would like to set up this sorting activity. If this is for young infants, setting this up in a temporary location like a big bin may work better. For older children, set this up using your wall or the back of a shelf where you can tape/attach the tubes to. This can be in an interest area like fine motor or math.

Step 2: Paint each cardboard tube a different color of the rainbow (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet). Don't skip any of the colors.

Step 3: Attach the tubes in rainbow color order on a vertical surface or the inside of a deep bin.

Step 4: Use painters tape or duct tape to secure.

Step 5: Have 10-15 large pom poms in each color of the rainbow in a bin or individual bowls under where the tubes are. Encourage children to pick up one pom pom at a time and place it at the top of the matching color tube. Then they can watch the object fall through at the bottom.

Step 6: As students pick up each object, say things like, “I see you have a red pom pom. Where does it go?” or “What color is this one?” This type of activity is best for one to two students at a time.

Playful Questions

- What is my favorite color in the rainbow?
- How many colors can I name?
- What happens when I mix some colors together?
- When will I see a rainbow in the sky?
- Why do rainbows appear after it rains?