



Sensory Learning Cards

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Introduction

As learners, we all react to using our senses differently when discovering new things. Traditional learning usually involves just sight and hearing, but in this craft, sense of touch is also used to learn shapes, letters, and numbers.

By providing opportunities to use three senses instead of one when mastering new information, learners are more likely to retain information and be able to use it in daily life!



Supplies

- Cardstock or cardboard
- Pipe cleaners
- Marker
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Hot glue or tacky craft glue



Additional Resources

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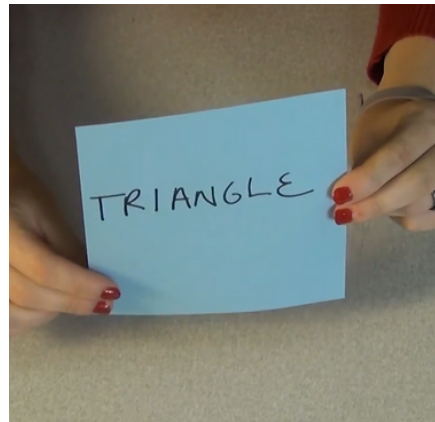
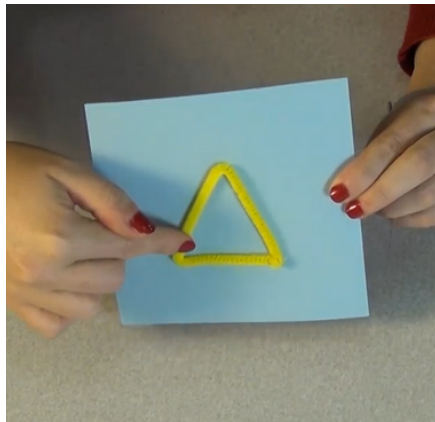
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Instructions

1. Cut squares: Measure and cut cards to a size suitable for your child. Bigger cards are best for smaller children and smaller cards are great for older ones.
2. Form and glue object: Use pipe cleaners to outline the shape of the item, trimming as needed. Attach the pipe cleaner outline to cardstock or construction paper using glue. Hot glue works best and will be more durable, but tacky craft glue will also do.
3. Write on back of card: Write name of object on the back of the card if you are using shapes or names. Write in large letters so the words can be easily read.

How to Use Your Sensory Learning Cards

In our DIY cards, three senses are exercised to help master shapes, numbers, and letters. There is the fuzzy outline of the shape on one side of the card, which uses touch, the name of the shape on the opposite side of the card, which your little one can read to use their sight, and then read out loud to use their hearing to listen to how the word sounds. By using this triple combo of senses, your child will be mastering new concepts and exploring other opportunities for sensory learning and play in everyday life!



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