# Sensory Bins My

## A PARENT'S GUIDE TO SENSORY BINS

Creativity for Kids® Sensory Bins combine creative play and learning in one fun activity to strengthen your child's imagination while developing fundamental skills. Each sensory bin features contents that engage the senses and set a play scene for children to scoop, sort and explore! Creativity for Kids® Sensory Bins are available in themes: Ocean and Sand, Outer Space, Ice Cream Shop, Construction Zone, Garden and Critters, and Dinosaur Dig.

## **BENEFITS**



## **EARLY LEARNING SKILLS**

Kindergarten readiness skills



#### FINE MOTOR SKILLS

Tactile play using simple tools



## **EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Encourages calming, mindful independent play



#### LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

Promotes the use of descriptive words and storytelling



## **ENGAGE THE SENSES**

Contents and instructional prompts help a child to explore their senses



## **SAFETY & ASSEMBLY**

- Have an adult lay out the foundation of your bins, whether that be sensory sand, water beads, or space rocks, and let your child's imagination take over! Enjoy hours of imaginative play with everything you need included.
- Our sensory bins are created for ages three and older. We recommend supervising children while playing with their bins.

## PLAYING & LEARNING WITH SENSORY BINS



As an open-ended concept, sensory bin play is up to the imagination; however, we are here to ensure you and your child get the most out of your sensory bins. Each themed sensory bin includes a variety of different shapes and textures for your child to practice fine motor skills and hand eye coordination as they scoop and play. Senses are engaged through those various textures and contrasting colors of each bin.

## CHOOSE YOUR APPROACH

There are numerous ways in which you and your child can approach sensory bin play, depending on age and development level. Give your child the opportunity to use their imagination to explore the sensory bin independently while being supervised without interruption.

Independent play builds your child's personal and creative confidence. Further, many children will need assistance getting started with their bins. Help your child engage their imagination by showing them how to use the tools and asking open-ended questions about their bin and the contents inside. Depending on the age of your child, setting boundaries or modeling behavior can help the child keep the contents inside the bin or make clean up time easier.

## **FUN THINGS TO TRY**

#### **MEMORY GAME**

Parents – hide some objects under the sand, rocks, or water beads. Have your child guess what is missing.

#### **GUESSING GAME**

Close your eyes and grab an item from the bin. See if you can identify it using your sense of touch.

#### **IMAGINATION**

Imagine you are at the scene represented in your sensory bin; what sounds do you hear? Now use your nose; what can you smell?

COUNT THE ITEMS INSIDE BIN NAME EACH CHARACTER

MAKE UP A STORY ABOUT YOUR ADVENTURE CALL OUT THE COLORS OF EACH ITEM

WATCH YOUR CHILD HAVE FUN EXPLORING VARIOUS SENSORY BIN THEMES WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY DEVELOPING CRITICAL LIFE SKILLS AND STRENGTHENING THEIR IMAGINATION!

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