

Eye Spy Sensory Bags



Equipment:

2 zip-lock bags,
1 cup rice,
Masking tape
Small trinkets, toys, tokens,
or objects.

Some ideas for small toys or objects may include buttons, small twig, bottle top lid, shopkin toys, large beads, toy jewellery, glass gems, puzzle pieces, small figurines, small blocks, magnetic numbers or letters, foam shapes and so much more.

Instructions:

1. Collect a handful (approx. 10) small toys and other items. Take a photo of them, print.
2. Place 1 cup rice and toys into zip lock bag. Add more rice if required.
3. Fasten the zip-lock bag, ensuring that all the air has been pressed out of the bag.
4. Place the masking tape along the opening end to avoid the bag becoming open. Fold the zip lock end over and sticky tape again
5. Place the zip-lock bag into the other zip-lock bag with the folded end placed inwards at the bottom of the bag
6. Fasten the zip-lock bag (pressing out the air) and add sticky tape.
7. Optional: place decorative washi tape around the outside (both sides) of the eye spy bag to create a kind of window for children to look through when searching for the objects. This also helps make the bag extra strong.
8. Attached the Eye Spy Card with ribbon or string.

SOME IDEAS:

- Feel and manipulate the Eye Spy Sensory Bag to coax the small objects to the surface. Use the attached photo card to help find the all the items shown.

- Use the attached photo card to define which items have not been found yet and which items have.
- Label and name each item found inside the bag.
- Count how many items are inside the bag. Count how many you can see?
- Count all the blue objects or count or the yellow objects?
- Ask questions such as: can you find any shapes? Can you find something that is red?
- Use a timer to see how fast can you find all the things on the list?

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES:

- Concentration
- Fine Motor and hand-eye coordination.
- Sense of pride and achievement.
- Problem solving – overcoming challenges.
- Language & Vocabulary: labelling and naming each object inside the Eye Spy Sensory Bag.