

Early Childhood Transportation

Independent Work Tasks

Shapes, Colors, Detail Matching

No teacher can ever have too many work boxes or work tasks. Ever! Many of our students in elementary are basic learners who need simple, easy to master tasks. And they need LOTS of them to keep them busy.

This set is designed to coordinate with other elements of the transportation themed unit activities. It includes basic beginning activities for early learners.



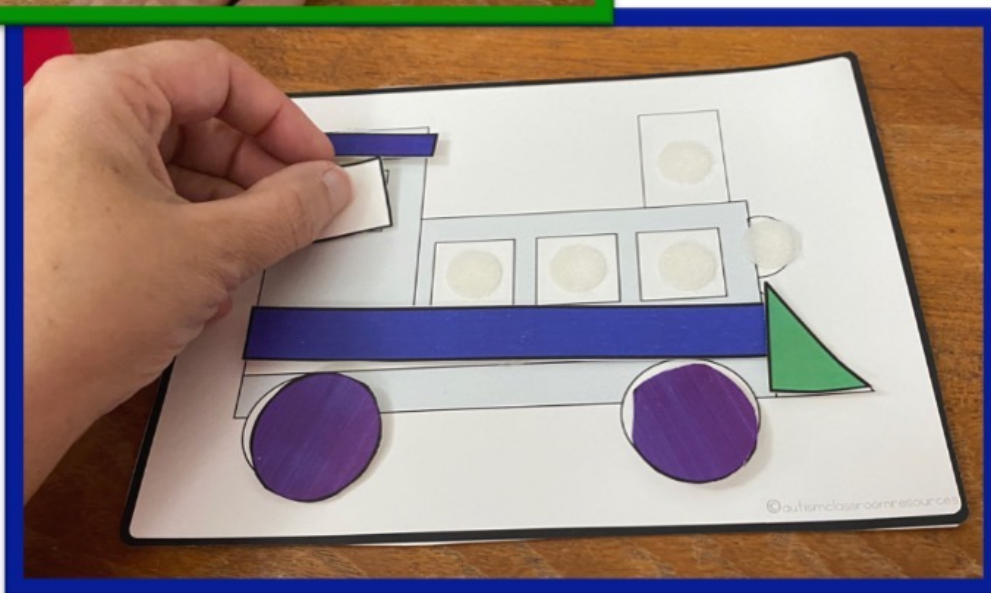
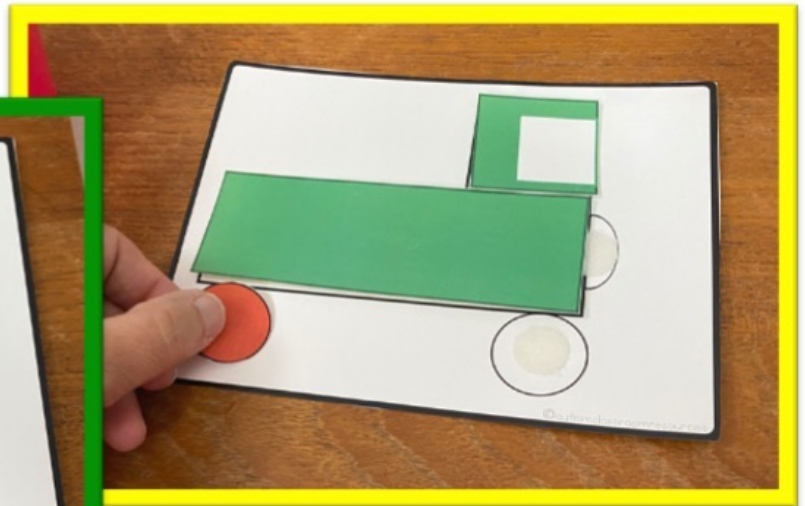
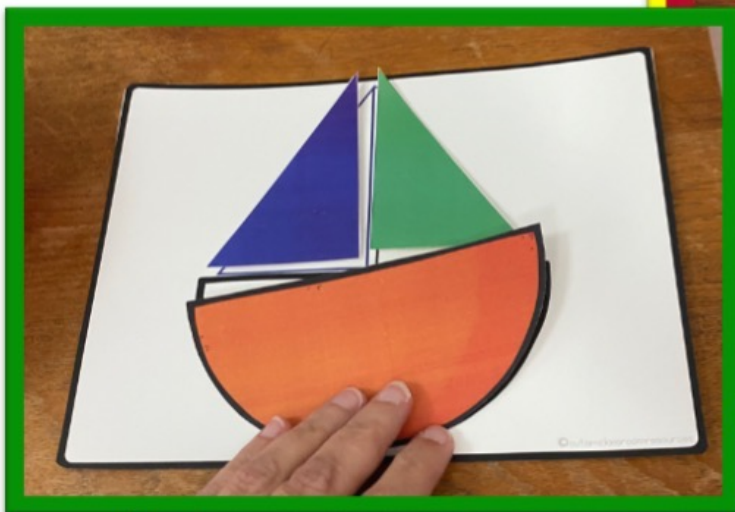
What's Included?

This set of tasks includes the following items:

- 3 basic shape matching transportation vehicles
- 2 color matching file folders
- 4 detail item matching file folders

3 Basic Shape Matching Vehicles

These are basic shape matching puzzle-like activities. They can be made into file folders or used as just pages. I've included labels for file folders if you choose to make them that way.



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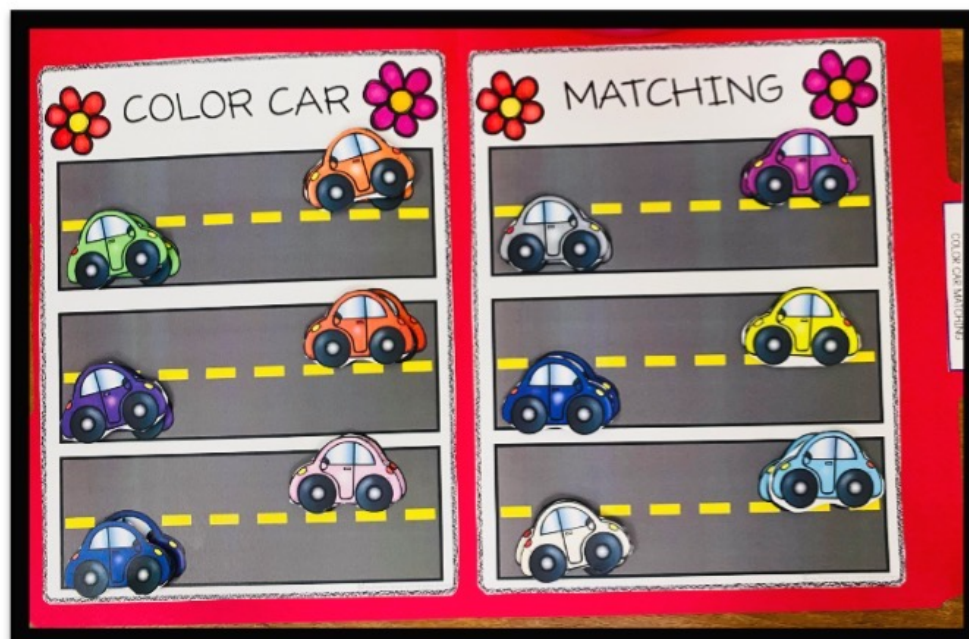
2 Color Matching File Folders

These file folders are designed for students to simply match items by color. You can create easier tasks by leaving items on the file folder that the student isn't yet able to match. Then they have fewer items to match of colors they have mastered.



Color Car Matching

Tip: You can set it up the way you see it in the top picture so the cars don't overlap.



Or set it up as in the bottom picture where students match the cars directly on top of each other.

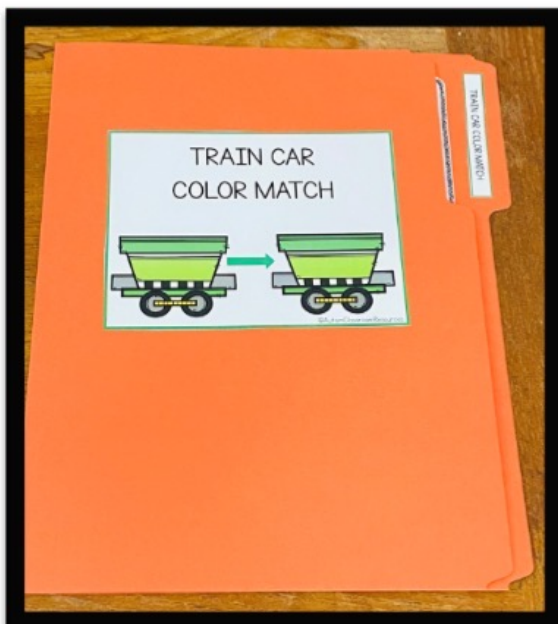
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2 Color Matching File Folders

Train Car Color Match

Students match colored train cars to identical colors.

TIP: store the visuals on the other side of the folder as shown



All file folders have front and tab labels included.

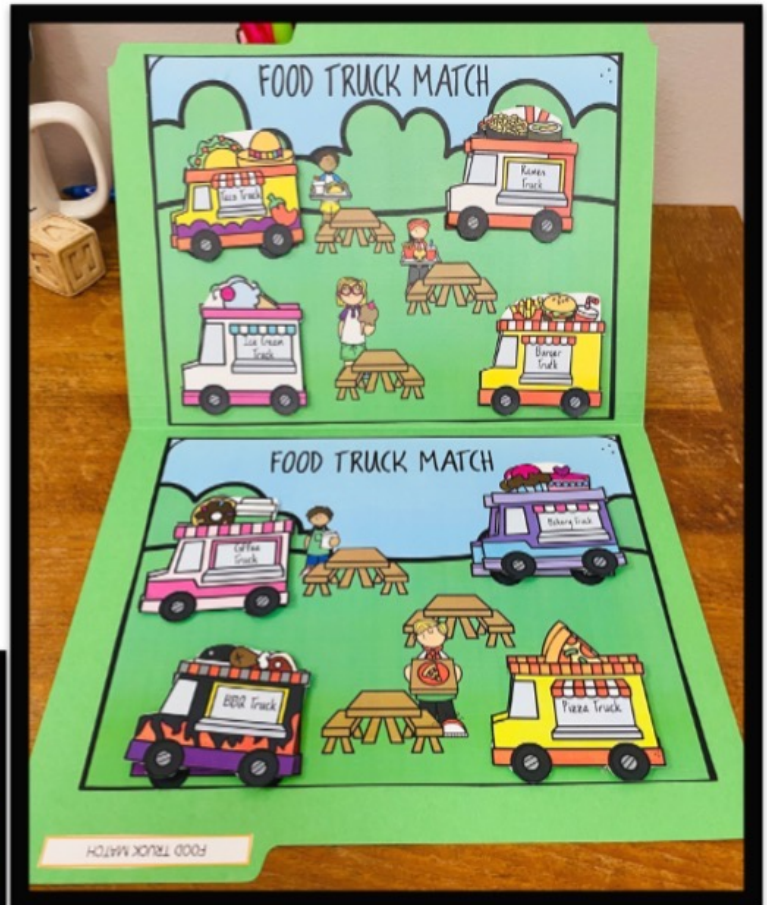
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4 Detail Matching File Folders

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Food Truck Match

Students match the food trucks based on color, pattern and top ornament



Monster Truck Match

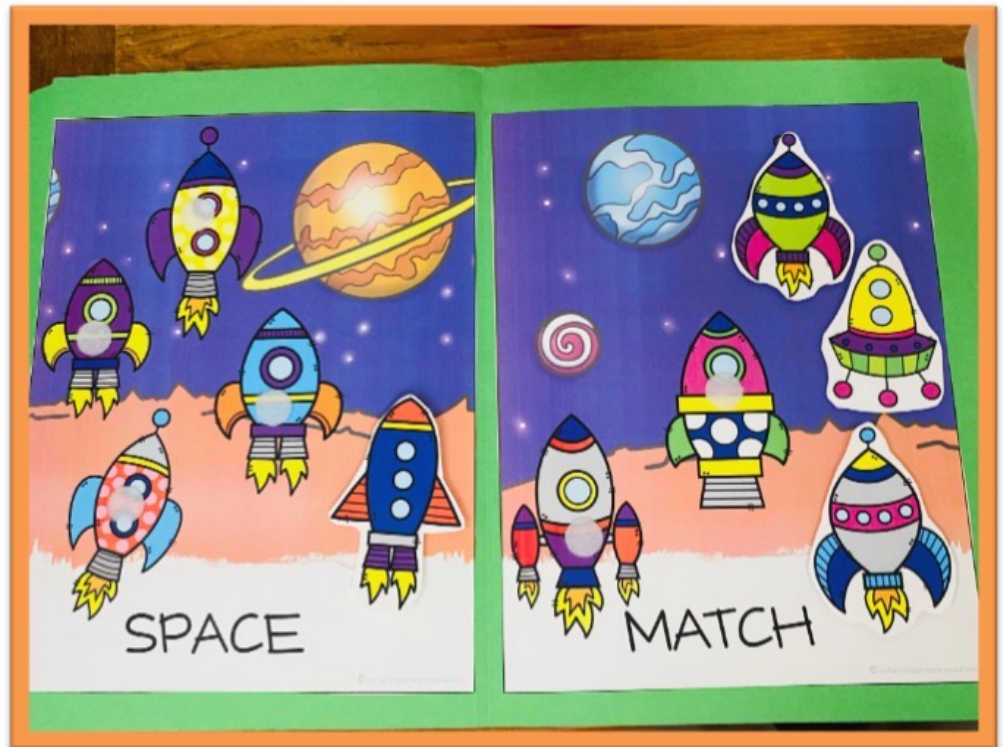
Students match the monster trucks. Store the pieces with Velcro on the second file folder page.

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4 Detail Matching File Folders

These file folders require students to attend to details in order to make the correct match.

Space
Match
Match the
rockets



Hot Air
Balloon
Matching
All different
pattern
balloons to
match.

How I Use Them

These tasks are great for independent work systems or structured work systems, for center work, and for any time that students need to be engaged. I often use them during instruction to have students practice skills for generalization and maintenance while I work with another student in a small group.

Clearly these can be used in independent work centers if the students have mastered the tasks. These tasks are specifically geared toward this use with these features:

- Each task has a clear beginning and end. Students can tell when they have finished a task because the pieces will be gone.
- Tasks are designed (with the help of Velcro) to stay together when the student finishes and put them in the finished basket. This keeps them from trying to fix them when tasks come apart and makes it easy to check them after to make sure the students complete them correctly.
- I have tried to create tasks that are easily adapted for individual needs. For instance, a file folder could be made from just one page instead of 2 to allow new users to practice with fewer choices. For instance, make the hot air balloons file folder with just 5 balloons instead of 10.
- The tasks are visually clear and when something seemed like it might be confusing, I chose to remove the confusing element to increase the students' abilities to do it independently.
- Finally, the tasks are designed to be highly visually engaging and capitalize on the visual discrimination skills that are often a strength for students with autism.

In addition to independent work systems, for students with autism or special needs, I often set up a time for them to practice these types of tasks to see what they can do independently before putting them in the independent work system.

You can read more about independent work systems in the classroom here: <http://www.autismclassroomresources.com/work-systems>