

MONTESSORI PLAYROOM SETUP CHECKLIST

CHOOSE THE RIGHT ROOM

- Opt for a room with plenty of natural light and windows to create a bright and inviting space.
- If natural light is limited, use light-coloured walls and neutral décor to brighten the space.

FURNISH WITH CHILD-SIZE FURNITURE

- Invest in a child-size table and chairs for drawing, colouring, and crafting activities. Look for natural materials and neutral colours.
- Add shelving units for storing books and displaying toys. Consider durable options from stores like Ikea (e.g., BESTA, Kallax) or other large stores.
- Install a climbing structure like a rainbow rocker or a Pikler Triangle to support physical activity and large motor skills development.

COZY READING CORNER

- Set up comfy child-size chairs/beanbags and a lamp and make all books in reach of your kids.
- Place a basket with a blanket or two for comfort while reading. Ensure blankets are small and manageable for your child to handle independently.
- Enhance the area with an illustrated alphabet print at a child-friendly height, serving as both decoration and an educational tool.

ADD ESSENTIAL ACCESSORIES

- Introduce plants to bring nature inside and add life to the room.
- Lay down rugs to define spaces and add warmth.
- Stock up on books and appropriate activities that reflect your child's interests.

SELECT MONTESSORI-FRIENDLY TOYS

- Prioritize natural materials but also include bright, colorful, and engaging toys, wooden blocks, threading activities, and stacking toys as well as puzzles, pretend play toys and duplo or lego.
- Offer a diverse selection of toys to cater to different interests and developmental stages, ensuring all children find something captivating.
- Explore affordable and second-hand options to keep the collection versatile and budget-friendly. Consider joining a toy libraries for variety and cost-effectiveness.

ORGANIZE AND ROTATE TOYS

- Set up your chosen toys on your shelves in an organised and uncluttered way.
- Store toys that are not on display in another room, out of your child's eyesight & reach.
- Rotate toys regularly based on your child's engagement to maintain a stimulating environment.
- Adapt toy selections to your child's changing interests and reintroduce toys to encourage skill mastery.

KEEP THE ROOM TIDY & ENCOURAGE INDEPENDENCE

- Teach your child to return toys to their designated places after use.
- Spend time in the playroom together to guide and model tidy behaviour.
- Show your child how to care for their play space, emphasizing the importance of order and neatness.
- Foster an environment that supports your child's autonomy and responsibility.