

## Absorbent <br> Minds <br> Montessori

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Bell Rattle
A lovely wooden bell rattle for young hands. Just the right size for practising grasping, shaking and dropping Beeswax finish.


First Montessori
Simple activities for enquiring minds


Hammer/Push Board A simple peg board where the thick pegs are pushed down through soffly lined holes, this improves the child's provided for hammering the pegs to develop hand eye co-ordination


Thick and Thin Cylinders An early opportunity for a child to discriminate size. The child has to discover which cylinder to place where by the size of the hole and the thickness of the cylinder. Simple for high success.


Hand Bells
An attractive instrument for early music making. Beautifully smooth wood with six shiny bells.

First Car
Children are absolutely fascinated by wheels, and as they begin to crawl they like to roll items around, This wooden
car is just the right size for grasping and vroom-vrooming. The ideal first car. Available in red or blue


Object Permanence Box with Tray This activity gives the child practice with hand-eye co-ordination. The balls are put hrough the hole at the top, f sight giving a le son in object permanence.


Imbucare Box with Interchangeable Lids A wooden box with 4 removable lids and 4 shapes. cy Ther, cube, disc and ape is retrieved from the drawer at the front


Large and Small Balls
The child has to decide which bead to place where by the height of the post and the size of the bead. The beads are 3.7 and 5 cm in diameter.

Multiple Lid Sorting Box A wooden box with 7 removable lids and 4 shapes: sphere, cube, rectangular and triangular prisms. e is retrieved from the drawer at the front.


Imbucare Box with Large Cylinde


Imbucare Box with Small Cylinder


Imbucare Box with Triangular Prism

Posting objects into boxes is a natural inclination for young children. These activities give the child practice with hand-eye co-ordination as they put the shape through the hole. The shape is then easily retrieved from the front of the box to repeat the activity over and over. Colours may vary.


Imbucare Box with Cube


Discs on a Vertical Dowel Three coloured discs are put onto the vertical dowel. Colours may vary.


Imbucare Box with Cuboid


Discs on a Horizontal Dowel Three coloured discs are put onto the horizontal dowel. Colours may vary.


Cubes on a Vertical Dowel This activity focuses on hand-eye co-ordination and manipulative skills. Three coloured cubes are put onto the vertical dowel. Colours may vary.


Coloured Discs on 3 Coloured Dowels
As well as developing hand-eye skills, this activity also helps colour recognition and distinction. Three coloured discs are put onto the three coloured vertical dowels.


Stacking Ring Tower
A perennial favourite ring and dowel
toy. The base gently rocks towards the child making it easier to reach. 12 cm high.


Vertical Abacus
'Montessorified' by using colours that match the short bead stair, this large vertical abacus initially develops co-ordination and colour distinction,
and later develops counting.


Sensory Blocks Set
A multi-sensory set of 16 blocks with wooden surrounds containing beads, transparent acrylic, coloured sand and water/glitter filled pockets in 4 differen shapes. They can be used to explore shape, light, sound, colour, and texture.


Stacking Cups
A classic set of colourful nesting cups that are perfect for sand or water play They can be buin so versatile forted stacking or filling.


3 Toddler Dressing Frames Velcro, Snapping and Buttoning Dressing frames. A set of 3 frames idea for the younger child to learn basic fastenings they are likely to encounter on their clothes.


Nested Tower of Cubes A $1 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ cube and a series of 9 activity of returning the adaifional nested state adds a furtherdio their to this material and makes it easior to store.

Wooden Objects for a Treasure Basket The set includes a variety of resources and a large drawstring bag to hold the components when not in use.


Push Along Rainbow
Push and pull toys are great fun for the new walker. The Push Along Rainbow provides a little extra stability as the love the rattling sound that the internal balls make as it rolls along.

Touch Texłures Bag
Young learners build tactile awareness, vocabulary, matching and communication skills as they interact win these 10 pairs of texture squares. Acinit Guin Activity Guide included.




Child's broom
A child's wooden broom with natura bristles. 65 cm long


Practical Life Starter Pack
A set of 16 activities supplied with trays for the Practical Life area. This pack contains real kitchen items not toys, some of which are made from glass. They are only for use under the supervision of an adult. Contents may vary.

Threading Ring
A circular wooden frame with 4 coloured laces with threading pins and stopper beads. The child can thread and weave the laces into colourful patterns.


Lacing Shapes Box
A wooden box containing painted wooden shapes with holes for threading the coloured laces


Hammering Set An A4 cork board with hammer, 100 shapes and over 100 nails. Perfect for and and creative expression.

Wooden Washboard and Dishbrush A $28 \mathrm{~cm} \times 17 \mathrm{~cm}$ wooden washboard and child-sized dishbrush, ideal for the actical Life area. Available separately.


Gardening Pack
A comprehensive set of gardening equipment to encourage outdoor activities and gross motor skills.


Balance Board
A circular board requiring good balancing skills to keep the ball running in the track. Stand on the board and gently tilt it around in a circle so the ball stays in the groove.



Knobbed Cylinders
The knobbed cylinders introduce the The knobbed cylinders is iscrimination of size The blocks visual discrimination of size. The blocks
provide a control of error and even a young child can use them successfully.

Cylinders Shelving Unif A small wooden shelving unit ideal for displaying knobbed cylinder blocks, or our knobless cylinders in configured boxes.


Silk Colour Tablets Boxes 1,2 and Each tablet is wrapped in coloured silk thread. The tablets have extended ends so they can be handled by the wood rather than the coloured silk. Box 1:3 pairs of beautiful tablets in red yellow and blue in a wooden box. Box 2: 11 pairs of tablets in a wooden box. Box 3 (not shown): 9 sets of 7 graded tablets.

The Broad Brown Stair consists of a series of 10 graduated prisms all the same length but with cross-sections from $1 \mathrm{~cm}^{2}$ to $10 \mathrm{~cm}^{2}$.
 Configured Boxes 4 sets of 10 colour coded cylinders that vary in height and diameter in 4 long win which to place the cylinders.

Also available in standard rectangular boxes with coloured lids.


Long Red Rods Stand for Long Rods The Long Red Rods consist of a series of 10 graduated rods all with the same cross-section and lengths ranging from 10 cm to 1 m . Also available is a stand for the long rods or the full-size number rods.


Colour Tablets Box 3 and Colour Disk 9 sets of 7 painted wooden tablets in shades of red, orange, yellow, green blue, purple, pink, brown, grey all in a wooden box. Boxes 1 and 2 also available. Also available are 9 triangles to make a nonagon centre piece for the tablets in Colour Box 3

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The Pink Tower consists of a series of 10 graduated cubes ranging from $\mathrm{cm}^{3}$ to $10 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$. A spare Icm cube is included. A wooden stand designed specifically
Ar the pink tower is available

Colour Grading Game
24 wooden skittles, 6 wooden inse boards, 6 wooden colour control boards all stored in a wooden box with lid.


Geometric Cabinet and Presenta tion Tray
A cabinet of 6 drawers containing 35 geometric insets and frames for circles, rectangles, triangles, regular polygons, The presentation tray available The presentation tray, available circle, square and equilateral triangle and 3 blanks.
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Constructive Triangles 5 sets 5 sets of constructive triangles used to give a sensorial experience of
2-dimensional geometry. Blue Triangles also available.


Colour Paddles Six transparent 15 cm paddles in 6 colours to demonstrate the principles of colour mixing.

Iranslucent Geometric Solids This versatile set of 12 translucent plastic geometric solids have removable lids and sing wet or dry material.

fereognostic Shapes Bag 20 smooth wooden shapes: 10 matching pairs in a drawstring cotton bag to feel and match.

simple Shapes Puzzles A set of 4 individual puzzles with chunky handes.
wooden puzzle with square, circle and triangle insets.
eometric Solids and Base
11 shapes in a glossy blue painted finish or in natural wood. The pack includes 3 wooden tands for the curved shapes. The bases match the various faces of the solids so that a child can associate the plane shapes to their solids (available separately)


Tessellating Shapes Approximately 200 wooden pieces es and colours that easily tessellate.


Mirror Corner Board A board with acrylic mirrors for exploring reflections and symmetry. oden shapes available separately


Touch Boards and Touch Tablets These boards, covered with different graces of sandpaper, are used to refin a child's sense of touch. The materials Available separately.


Binomial Cube
Initially a simple sensorial puzzle, however the binomial cube is also the is an indirect preparation for algebra

Trinomial Cube
The trinomial cube represents $(a+b+c)^{3}$ but the young child is not exposed to this complicated algebra, $s /$ he is occupied in rebuilding the cube by recognising colour and shape.


Baric Tablets
Light-weight, medium-weight and heavier-weight wooden tablets that a blindfolded holds to determine their relative weights.


Board of Touch Discs
10 wooden discs with 10 matching
textures on a wooden board.

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Metal Insets on Stands 10 metal insets and frames to encourage pre-writing skills, on 2 wooden stands.


Pencil Holders on a Wooden Stand neatly sit on a wooden stand Triang pencils available separately.


Box for Inset Paper
An open wooden box for storing the 14 cm inset paper. Packs of white or coloured paper are available separately.


Sandpaper Letters Sassoon tactile letters with consonants on pink and vowels onblue wooden boadd. Stored in wooden boxes. Also av


Holder for 3 Pencils A small wooden block with indentions for three pencils.
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Large Movable Alphabet in a Split Level Box
A set of Sassoon font painted wooden letters ( 10 of each blue vowel and 5 of each red consonant) for word building

Small Movable Alphabet
A set of painted wooden letters (10 of each vowel and 5 of each consonant) for word building Available in 5 colours and in Sassoon font with red consonants and blue vowels. A compartmentalised box for holding the small movable alphabets is available separately.


Sand Tray with Clear Base For early mark making, creative work and early writing skills. To develop co-oranation, ine molor skils and tool and stylus.


Mini Sand Tray with Clear Base For early mark making, creative work and early writing skills. To develop co-ordination, fine motor skills and concentration. Includes a smoothing tool and stylus.


Curvilinear Pre-Writing Board The child moves the knob around the curved course.


Linear Pre-Writing Board To improve co-ordination, the pincer grip and the movements necessary to write many letters.


Pre-Writing Set
Additional Pre-Writing Boards A gently sloping stand with 3 different wooden activity boards. The child moves the knob around the course.
3 additional wooden activity boards which develop movements essential for handwriting.


Wooden Grammar Symbols
with Box
10 each of 9 different grammar symbols each representing a different part wooden box with lid.

Reading Analysis and Sentence Analysis These materials help the child to analyse parts of a sentence and identify their function.


Double Sandpaper Letters 16 tactile phonemes on green wooden boards Available in print cursive and Sassoon font.

pig

frog


Language Box
Painted wooden boxes with lids ideal for phonics cards and objects.


The Farm and Table
The farm provides the child with activities for language enrichment. The set includes a building, food
storage tower, fences and a table
with a storage shelf. Animals are not
included but are available separately.

Phonics Reading Cards 180 pairs of printed picture cards and matching word cards to cover early three letter words, initial blends, inal blends, consonant digraphs, vowe digraphs, magic e.


House: Classification and Vocabulary
This tactile display has a flip-out front of the house revealing rooms and 18 different pieces of furniture to position inside.


Objects Boxes
Painted wooden boxes containing 5 objects representing phonic aspects. Objects may vary slightly in appearance from those shown. THESE
ITEMS ARE NOT TOYS AND REQUIRE THE SUPERVISION OF ANADUI SUPERVIISION OF AN ADULT


French Labels for House For use with the fabric house (available separately), this is ideal for introducing new French vocabulary related to parts
of the house, both inside and out. 19 labels in French.


Phonic Readers Set 1
A set of 5 books with simple 3 letter phonic words and minimal sight words, to give the child reading confidence he texhis simple and gelaes clearlo he lustaions. setters for names Th is used page lists all the words encoulin the story, and has some sampleque
 to initiate a conversation.


Phonic Readers Set 2
A set of 5 books with simple 3 letter phonic words and high frequency sight words, to give the child reading confidence. The stories from Set I are rewritten with more vocabulary, and simple sentence punctuation is
introduced. This plot repetition is a useful progression givin the child confidence to tackle the longer sentences. Again the review page lists all the words encountered in the story.


Pack of 10 Storybooks
The books have a text with a strong synthetic phonics structure, but he language is natural and fluent Enjoyable stories to encourage early reading that follow on nicely from our pink level phonic readers. Available in stages from Blue to Green level.

David Gettman: Basic Montessori Montessori Learning Activities for Under Fives. This book provides both a clear and modern explanation of Montessori's ideas and a step-by-step guide to the learning activifies most commonly used with the under-five


French Cursive Movable Alphabet A set of painted wooden letters 10 of each blue vowel and 5 of each red consonant) for word building. The etters are stored alphabetically in a box with lid. French style script. Other languages and alphabets are also available.
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Number Rods
Ten graduated rods with lengths ranging from 10 cm to 1 m , each
decimetre is marked by alternating re and blue paint.


Small Number Rods
A pair of small number rods ideal for table top work for early addition and number bonds. The set also includes a set of number tiles, all in a wooden box with lid.

Sandpaper Numerals 0-10 Tactile numbers on green wooden boards used to teach the correct formation of the numerals.


Spindle Boxes
The spindle boxes develop early counting skills and the association between quantity and the number -9 or as two boxes $0-4$ and 5
$0-9$ or as two boxes $0-4$ and $5-9$.


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## 10 Short Bead Stairs

in a Wooden Box
10 sets of coloured bead bars in a compartmentalised wooden box with a lid which has an inset triangle in which to build the stair.


Numbers and Counters The wooden number cards $1-10$ and 5 green wooden counters are stored in wooden box


Beads for Introducing Decimal Quantity A tray with a unit bead stand, a unit bead, a tens beads bar, a box containing a hundred bead square and a box containing a thousand bead cube

Beads for Introducing the Decimal System ry containing a unit bead stand h 9 beads, and boxes of 9 tens beads bars, 9 hundred bead squares and a thousand bead cube.


Wooden Large Place Value Card in Configured Box
Wooden place value number cards in a wooden storage tray: (1-9999). Available in large and small sizes, in simple and configured boxes.


Teens Bead Box
9 tens bead bars and a short bead stair to make the numbers 10-19 in a for use with the een Séguin Boards.


Teens \& Tens Boards
The Séguin teens and tens boards teach the child the number names,
symbols and sequence from 10 to 99 .


Bead Material
Golden bead material which includes wired beads and wooden squares and cubes stored on a large wooden tray.


Full Bead Material A quality set of golden bead material. All beads are individually strung on cubes or squares in this set cubes or squares in this set.


Tens Beads Box
9 tens bead bars and 9 individual beads to make the numbers 10-99 in a Séguin Boards.


Beads Hanging Frames
Perfect for use with the Teens and Tens Beads Boxes.

Base Ten Matería
on a Wooden Tray A wooden equivalent of the introduction to the decimal system.

eads
A range of golden beads available separately and in sets.


Addition, Subtraction and Negative Strip Boards Addition, subtraction and negative strip boards, and painted red and blue number strips in a wooden box.

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Stamp Game
A wooden box with compartments for green, blue and red number stamps labelled 1, 10, 100 and 1000, and colour-coded zero discs and divisio skittles (including larger skittle for 1000).


Small Bead Frame
A step towards abstraction for addition and subtraction exercises, There are 4 rows of colour-coded beads representing, units, tens, hundreds and thousands.

Hundred Board with Control Chart Explores the sequence of numbers from
$1-100$, enabling investigation of number patterns. A control chart is included to enable the child to check their own work.


Multiplication \& Division Boards A concrete experience of multiplication tables and division

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Pythagoras Multiplication Board with Control Chart
Reinforces multiplication facts to 10 $\times 10$. A child places an answer tile on a square which coresponds to A control chart is included to enable the child to check their own work.
 A set of 100 wooden beads with laces in colours to match the short bead stair. Can be used for counting, number bonds and calculating (they are especially useful for subtraction).
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Bead Chain Mats
Cloth mats on which the hundred or thousand bead chains can be demonstrated at their full length.


100 \& 1000 Bead Chains \& Frame A hundred bead chain, a thousand bead chain (consisting of 10 hundred bead chains linked together) and the trame on which to Arrows available separately

Short Bead Chains, Squares \& Frame This set includes a bead chain and square for each number 1 to 10 and the frame and shelf on which to hang the beads. Arrows available separately.
 Introduces number bonds to 10 Consists of 5 sets of coloured bead stairs and 23 goldenten bas 3 b which fit neatly into the wooden base tray.


Checker Board
The Checker Board is used for short and long multiplication with the hierarchies in the decimal system up to $100,000,000$. A box of number tiles is included.


Checker Board Beads
20 of each bead bar 1-9 in a divided wooden box.


Complete Bead Material with Cabinet
his extensive set of bead chains and squares includes: a bead cube, square, short chain and long chain for each number Ito 10 and the cabinet with beads.


Working Charts
A set of boards and number tiles to help the child practise and memorise the equations of numbers 1-9.


Bank Game
Used by a group of children to reinforce the concept of long multiplication The children assume different roles as they perform the game, printed cards designating each participant are included.


Fraction Skittles
The fraction skittles on an inset stand give a concrete 3D experience of how I whole skille can be avide halves, thirds and quarter


Pattern Board
A logic board for sorting colours according to 12 pattern cards. problems is an important maths skill.

Number Puzzle 1-10
The child must count the dots and find the matching number The way the puzzle is cut in half acts as a contro of error.

Metal Fraction Circle
on Wooden Stands
A set of 10 metal circles divided in segments to show fractions from whole to 10 tenths on 2 sloping wooden
stands.


Black and White Bead Stair A single black and white bead stair.

Apple Tree Game
A simple game to reinforce counting skills.


6 Wooden Dice in a Wooden Bo 6 wooden dice in wooden box with a sliding lid. Box size: $58 \times 45 \times 28 \mathrm{~mm}$. Excellent for generating numbers for simple sums.


Measurement of Angle Ideal material to look at angles and the degrees in fractions, segments and circles. The wooden segments are put in he cicle, hen he appropriare off

Teaching Clock
A wooden teaching clock (not a working clock) marked with hours and minutes and the 24 hour clock. The wooden hands have circular holes to view these numbers through.


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Cross-Section Earth Model The outside of the model shows the oceans and continents. The earth's the four main layers of the earth: crust, mantle, outer core and inner core, their temperatures and depths.


Sandpaper Land and Water Forms Boards Land formations are in sandpaper and watert forma paint for the 10 land and water form


Large Puzzle Maps Set with Cabine A cabinet to hold 8 maps, with 7 puzzle maps: 1 of the world and 6 continents.


Cross-Section Volcano Model This model separates into halves to crust, upper mantle, magma chamb and lower mantle.


Land and Water Forms Trays Five land formations are raised and 5 water formations are in corresponding sunken plastic trays. Blue coloured water can be poured into the moulded trays.

Land and Water Forms Cabinet A wooden cabinet in which to store our Land and Water Form Trays.


Puzzle Map of the Oceans A map of the world with removable puzzle pieces that represent the oceans. land and Water land masses in sand and oceans in smooth blue, to help relate the globe to the land and water forms.

Globe of the Continents The Continents Globe links the Sandpaper Globe to the World Puzzle Map.


World Flags Map An accurate world map designed by Absorbent Minds with 36 cloth flags in a wooden stand, supplied with an answer card.

Cards Display Box
Wooden box for displaying nomenclature cards. Ideal for our 3 part .pdf nomenclature card files. 110 mm wide with fhree sections for word cards, picture cards and control cards.
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UK Puzzle Map
A map of the British Isles with removable puzzle pieces that represent the countries. Other country puzzle maps are also available.


Small Maps Board Puzzle Set 5 puzzle maps of the World, Europe, UK, Ireland and France. The puzzle are $37 \mathrm{~cm} \times 29 \mathrm{~cm}$. The wooden cabinet is not included but is available full-size large maps.


Roman Arch
This set allows children to use and learn Roman engineering principles to build an arch that seemingly defies gravity. Includes a support structure.


British Birds Puzzles
Green Woodpecker, Chaffinch, House Sparrow, Robin, Pied Wagtail, Blue Tit, A series of wooden puzzles with pieces shaped to focus attention on the key characteristics of the birds' identifying features. These $6-9$ piece puzzles may first be enjoyed separately, then together for a more complex challenge.


## British Wildflowers Puzzles

Primrose, Columbine, Bluebell, Poppy, Foxglove, Dog Rose. A series of wooden puzzles with pieces shaped to focus attention on the key characteristics of the flower and leaf shapes.

Puzzle Cabinet
A wooden cabinet for storing 20 cm puzzles, ideal for our birds and flowers puzzles. By displaying the puzzles they look more attractive and children are more likely to choose them to work


Cross-Section Flower Model A model showing the different parts of a flower. One half is labelled with part names, oner haf is labelled with letters for assessment activities.


Native British Trees Board Puzzle A puzzle of 6 tree shapes with their lea and fruits shown beneath: Ash, Oak, Horse Chestnut, Hazel, Holly and Yew

Botany Cabinet with Tree, Leaf and Flower Puzzles
A cabinet containing 3 puzzles with removable puzzle pieces representing the parts of a tree, a leaf and a flower.

Zoology Cabinet with 5 Puzzles with skeletons puzzes of life-like animals with skeleton outlines beneath.


Percussion Instruments Set
Set of 10 percussion instruments in handy clear plastic carry case. Contains - a pair of maracas, a pair of castanets, tambourine, triangle and beater, pair of claves, rhythm clapper, single tone guiro and beater, a pair of finger cymbals, wooden shaker pot and jingle stick.
Tambourine
A wooden tambourine with 4 pairs of bells.
A real skin top gives a good drum sound.


