

Practical Activity: Button sorting

Description of the Practical Activity: Sorting games are important because children develop comparison and contrast skills as well as logical thinking, which is important for the future acquisitions of mathematical concepts. Classification and sorting mean organizing things into groups and there are many ways to practicing those skills as you can sort by colour, shape, size and so on. Buttons are the most functional one: they have different colours, sizes and shapes, and parents can help children to sort them in different ways. Buttons sorting allows to develop pre-math skills (shape and size recognition, recognize different quantities, logical thought, etc.), organization and grouping.

In Figure 1. Parents only need to show their children how to slip the buttons into each cup and encourage them to match the color of the buttons to the matching color cup. They can also practice counting every time they put a button into the cup. Instead of buttons, parents can also use beans or popcorns.



Figure 1 [Button Sorting Cups](http://aboutfamilycrafts.com/button-sorting-cups/)

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