

BEAD SORTING ACTIVITY

PURPOSE

- * Practice visual discrimination
- * Practice fine motor skills
- * Promote use of familiar materials

MATERIALS

- * One large tray
- * Container to hold collection of beads
- * Several smaller containers for sorting

ATTENTION; SMALL ITEMS MAY BE SWALLOWED AND POSE A CHOKING HAZARD

SET-UP

1. Place large tray on a stable surface
2. Place large collection of beads on the tray (prevents rolling off the surface)
3. Place several small empty containers within easy reach, also on the tray

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Pick out one of the beads from the large collection
2. Demonstrate placing it in one of the smaller containers
3. Pick out another bead of the same color and place it in the same small container
4. Next choose a bead of a second color and demonstrate placing it in a different small container.
5. Continue choosing beads and placing them in the smaller containers, explaining as you do that you are putting all the reds in one cup, all the blues in another and so on.
6. Ask the resident to choose a bead and place it in the appropriate cup

HORIZONTAL PROGRAMMING

- * Have the resident place beads on a string in the order given on a template

DOWNWARD EXTENSION

- * Ask the residents to simply fill each small container with beads of any color

UPWARD EXTENSION

- * Ask the resident to put a specific number of each colored bead in each of the smaller containers; example, 20 reds, 20 blue, 20 yellow, etc.

PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS

P; Resident cannot distinguish between colors

S: Use the downward extension and simply ask him/her to fill the containers with any color

P; Resident sits and stares at the activity but does not begin

S; Reduce the amount of material; provide a handful of beads to be sorted so the end looks achievable