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Fisher-Price Play Lab
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Develops:

- Fine Motor Skills
- Sorting & Classifying
- Hand-eye Coordination



The Montessori Approach

Slowly model using the tweezers to remove all the apples, then using the same process, return them to their correct color spots in the tray. This allows your child to see the full cycle of the activity. Ask them to do as you have done. As your child sorts and classifies the apple pieces into the tray using the tweezers, they are also working to strengthen their fine motor and hand-eye coordination skills.

Tip: Your child can use the tweezers to pick up the apples by the felt leaves and/or around the base of the apple, depending on what feels most comfortable for them while using the tweezers.

Practice Playfully

Count & Share!

Have your child remove all the apples from the tray and then sort and share them amongst the two of you. Ask your child to use the tweezers to evenly split one of each colored apple between you. Ask your child to count how many apples both of you have!

Level up the play:

Prompt early addition and subtraction using apples. Have your child move one or more of the apples from your pile to theirs or vice versa. Ask them to count how many pieces each of you now have.



Bob for Apples

Put all the apples in a container that your child can't see through. Have them use the tweezers to pick up one of the apples from the container and place it in the corresponding area on the tray that is its color match.

Level up the play:

Cover up the color inside each circle on the tray, but make sure to let your child review the color placement one last time! Encourage your child to use their memory to sort and color match the apples in the correct areas on the tray. Reveal the color circles on the tray to check if they placed them in the right areas!