Mind-Shapes High Contrast Soft Shapes

(Adapting the Environment for Multi-Sensory Access – EC COE)

Description:	Image:
Black and White Developmental Toys: From Manhattan Toy's award winning Wimmer-Ferguson infant collection - the original innovator of black and white developmental toys. The patterns of all Wimmer-Ferguson products adapt to baby's changes in visual development by featuring a range of design complexity and color, inspired by laboratory research. **Mind-Shapes Multisensory Playset Details:** Each shape features visually stimulating, Wimmer-Ferguson researched black and white and color print graphics and hidden auditory stimuli, such as crinkle paper, a rattle, and a chime. **Made for Little Hands:** The Mind-Shapes playset is a safety rated baby toy for newborns and up that includes three unique soft sculpted shapes with various textures - sized and weighted just right for little hands to grasp and move around. **Visually Appealing High Contrast Toy for Infants:** Professional research has shown that newborns are more attracted to high-contrast patterns than to color or brightness alone. The Wimmer-Ferguson Mind-Shapes were designed for this purpose, encouraging baby to learn pattern recognition. **Wimmer-Ferguson Collection by Manhattan Toy:** The developmental toys for babies and infants in the Wimmer-Ferguson collection encourage eye-hand coordination, gross motor activity, self-awareness, sense of object permanence and experience with cause and effect.	 Purchasing Information

Who Might Benefit?

Those who…

- Need alternatives to touching things they have been asked not to.
- Seek sensory input throughout the day.
- Have difficulty sitting still or maintaining focus.
- Tend to mouth or chew their clothing.

Why Use?

Provides an opportunity to…

- Learn and explore using their senses.
- Refine fine motor and eye hand coordination skills.
- Participate in highly engaging multisensory (shapes, visual patterns) activity.

Instructions for Use:	Adaptation Ideas:
Environmental Considerations • Can be used during large group activities, small group activities, and one-on-one instruction. • The SENSEsational Alphabet Touch and Feel Picture Cards are great educational tools that can be used anywhere, at school, at home or on the road. **Positioning** • These rings can be used in any position; seated, standing, on the floor, etc.	• n/a

Ohio Early Learning Standards

- SE: Self-Regulation. Begins to manage emotions and actions (2.a.).

Adapted from: Haugen's Modes for Adapting Toys based on materials from the "Let's Play" Project at the University of Buffalo

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