Mold & Play Sensory Sand Set

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

Description:	Image:
Sensory sand looks, feels and molds like wet sand…but it's completely dry and sticks only to itself—perfect for creating castles, towers and more! Set includes 10 colorful tools (4 castle molds, 3 brick molds, a sand/dough roller, and 2 sculpting tools) and 2.2 pounds of sensory sand, plus a tray with a lid for easy cleanup and convenient storage. Tray with lid measures 15 3/4"l x 11"w x 2 3/4"h. Extra sensory sand sold separately.	 Purchasing Information Demo Video

Who Might Benefit?

Those who…

- Have difficulty holding small stamps or crafting tools.
- Experience motor challenges that interfere with using their hands to shape sand.
- Do not enjoy touching wet or messy items.

Why Use?

Provides an opportunity to…

- Create various designs by pressing sand into molds.
- Work on grip/hand strength.
- Engage in art activities.
- Participate in sensory exploration.

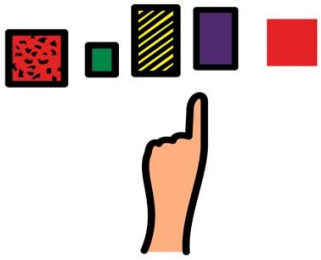
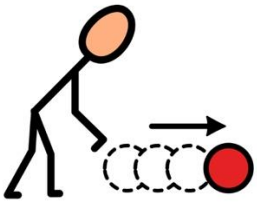
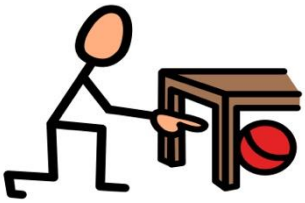
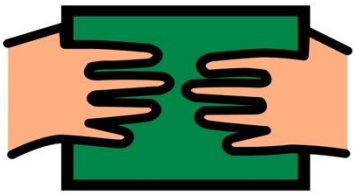
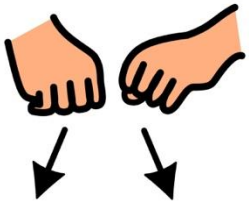
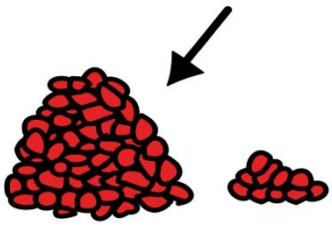
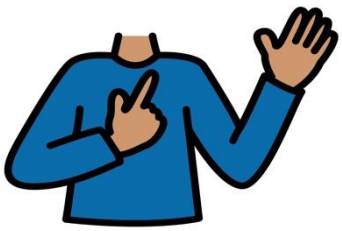
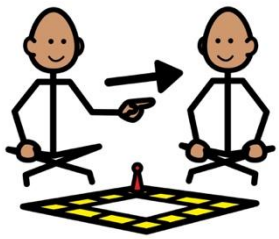
Instructions for Use:	Adaptation Ideas:
Environmental Considerations • Consider a designated area for sensory sand play which might include an easy to clean mat or a large box lid. • Avoid carpeted areas. **Positioning** • Sensory sand and tools can potentially be used in a variety of positions, however it is important that the user(s) are able to view them and reach them easily. • Sensory sand play works best when container of sand and tools are placed on a solid, flat surface (ex. tabletop, floor, tray, slant board). **Basic Play/Use** • Provide tub with sand and tools without specific directions and allow children to explore. **Extended Play/Use** • Use roller to flatten sand and sculpting tools to draw, or forma letters and shapes. **Play/Use with Others** • Pair children and encourage turn taking to build a castle. • Hide small objects in sand such as magnetic letters and having children take turns finding them.	**Optional Additional Materials/Supplies** • Wikki Stix • Shelf liner **Build It Up** • Build up stamp handles of roller and sculpting tools with Wikki Stix. **Stabilize It** • Place tub on shelf liner. **Simplify It** • Offer only a few mold items at a time, so that the child can experience success filling molds with sand and emptying them. **Contain It** • Place container and sand tools on plastic tablecloth so that sensory sand area is defined and contained. **Add Sensory Cues** • Add textures to the handles of the rollers for additional sensory information. • Explore various doughs/recipes (e.g. Kool Aid Play Dough) to add texture, scents, etc. **Communication Support** • Provide paper-based communication board with activity related words such as help, more, finished, stop, go, want, turn, wash hands, etc. **DIY Alternatives** • DIY Kinetic Sand Recipe • Experiment with DIY play dough recipes. • Supplement kit or substitute with a collection of cookie cutters, small plastic cups, detergent lids, and plastic utensils.

Additional Considerations:

Ohio Early Learning Standards

- CR: Artistic Engagement and Expression: Expresses ideas and feelings through visual art (1.a.).

Words to Encourage Play/Use

Choose/pick 	Roll 	Find (color of mold) 
What (did you make?) 	Push 	Hold 
Try 	Again 	More 
Finished 	My turn 	Your turn 

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