Tobbles Neo Stacker

(Small Muscle Development Kit)

Description:	Image:
Gentle, playful curves and unique grippable texture Invite exploration. The Tobbles Neo™ Stacker set includes 6 weighted scoop-shaped pieces in bright colors that stack, topple, nest and spin and 1 concave base. Made with ABS Plastic, BPA-free.	 Purchasing Information Demo Video

Who Might Benefit?

Those who…

- Have a weak or inefficient grasp.
- Enjoy exploring shapes and textures.
- Need to develop grip and finger strength in order to use other learning materials such as writing tools.

Why Use?

Provides an opportunity to…

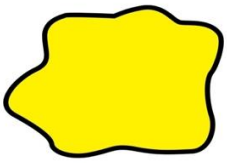
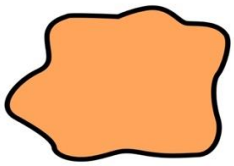
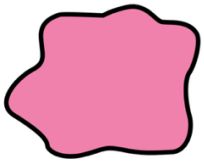
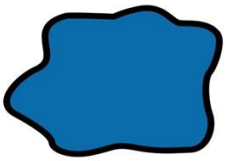
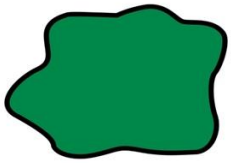
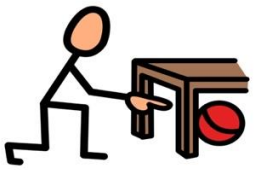
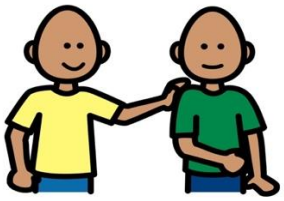
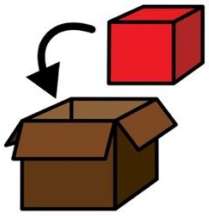
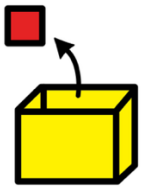
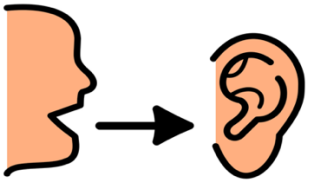
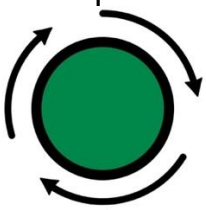
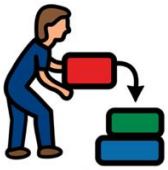
- Explore the feel of the scalloped edges of each scoop-shaped piece.
- Practice manipulating progressively smaller scoop-shaped in order to stack them into a tower.
- Strengthen fine motor skills.
- Practice using two hands together.

Instructions for Use:	Adaptation Ideas:
Environmental Considerations • Can be used at home or in school. **Positioning** • Tobbles Neo Stacker can be used in any position; seated, standing, on the floor, etc. • Tobbles Neo Stackers base should be placed on a flat surface. **Basic Play/Use** • Open ended exploration (e.g. picking up and putting pieces together). • Placing the scoop-shaped pieces in the base piece. • Fitting pieces together to stack. **Extended Play/Use** • Gripping and manipulation of pieces to roll them. • Poking pieces to make them rock back and forth or spin. • Roll a large ball toward the stacked tower to try and knock it down. **Play/Use with Others** • Work on turn taking to stack the pieces.	**Optional Additional Materials/Supplies** • Dycem • Shelf liner **Stabilize It** • Use Dycem or shelf liner to stabilize the Neo Stacker base for children who may push it out of reach when attempting to stack the scoop-shaped pieces. **Simplify It** • Reduce the number of pieces to explore. • Don't use the base at first. **Contain it** • Place stacking pieces and base in a shallow box lid (e.g. a copy paper box lid) so that the pieces and base remain in reach. **Add Sensory Cues** • Place stacking pieces and base on a high contrast color mat or sheet of construction paper. **Communication Support** • Guide possible selections with pointing; use vocabulary such as "push" "poke", "pick up", "put in", "find (insert names of colors)". **DIY Alternatives** • Stack inexpensive colored cups of the same size using sources like the Dollar Store or thrift shops. Make colored pattern cards (e.g. red, green blue, red green blue) or number cards (stack 2 red cups, 1 green cup, and 2 blue cups for patterning or counting practice while also working on fine motor skills.

Ohio Early Learning Standards

- PW: Motor Development: Demonstrates developing control of fundamental fine motor skills, including hand-eye coordination (1.b.).
- AL: Engagement and Persistence: Persists in completing a task with increasing concentration (1.c.).
- CD: Problem-Solving and Development: Uses increasingly complex strategies to solve problems (3.a.).

Words to Encourage Play/Use

Yellow 	Orange 	Pink 
Blue 	Green 	Find 
Touch 	Push 	Put in 
Take out 	Listen 	Rock 
Spin 	Stack 	Tower 
Up 	Down 	

Adapted from: Haugen's Modes for Adapting Toys based on materials from the "Let's Play" Project at the University of Buffalo. PCS is a trademark of Tobii Dynavox, LLC. All rights reserved. Used with permission.