

Making Tactile Matching Video Transcript, March, 2021

How to make a tactile matching game. Playing a matching game gives pre-braille the opportunity to explore with their fingers and learn to describe what they are feeling. The more variety of textures and shapes on the cards the more interesting it is for the player.

So some materials you'll require are a cutting board, exacto knife, black or white foam core, white glue, some scissors, a glue gun with glue sticks, a ruler and a pencil. You'll also want a variety of textured materials. Some rough textured materials here are a scouring sponge, sandpaper and crinkled tissue paper.

We also want to include a variety of some soft textured materials. Here I have a variety of fake fur, polar fleece and felt. Satin and velvet would also be great additions for some really smooth soft textures. We also want to include some other materials like wiki sticks, balsam wood shapes, foam shapes, yarn, adhesive foam stars and buttons. So as you can see here I've used my white pencil to draw my lines for the size of each card.

So I've decided that each card is going to be two and a half inches wide by four inches high and you want a set of two for each matching card so here I have one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten. Now you don't have to stick to the number 10 if you've got other textures and other shapes that you want to add later some of them can be a little more elaborate where you have a shape on top of the shape that are two different textures makes it a little more challenging for the child to be able to feel and describe. You can continue. So I'm just going to start with a set of 10 and so we have two of each here and I'm ready to start cutting it out using a nice ruler and a nice sharp exacto knife. Just be careful. So here I have all my cards cut out and now I'm ready to start gluing down my pre-cut shapes and once those are all glued down I'm going to start cutting out the shapes of my rough materials.

So here I'm cutting out some scouring brush material to make some squares and I'm going to get started on using my sandpaper. So once my sandpaper circles are cut out and glued down I'm ready to start showing you how to use wiki sticks.

As you can see I have a circle that I made with the wiki stick and it is a

piece of wax that you can bend to any shape you want and the reason that I have this central pill bottle is to help me create my circular shape and just make sure that it's as as perfectly circular as possible. So I'm going to try and do this simply enough and then I'm going to remove the pill bottle and voila we have our circle and I'm going to try and put that as much in the center as possible and with the wiki stick you'll just notice that all you have to do is just carefully just press it into your matching game tile and you just press it in and it comes a little warmer with the warmth of your fingers and so it'll eventually adhere to the tile and there you go. And the wonderful thing about these wiki sticks is that you could pretty well turn them into any kind of shape you want. Triangles, even heart shapes. In fact we'll do a heart shape as well. So now you have two outlined circles using your wiki sticks. No time to make some heart shapes out of wiki sticks right now because I wanted to show you an example of how you could also use some pipe cleaners that are glued down using the glue stick and using the glue gun.

And finally I cut out some triangles out of the felt and you can use the polar fleece or the fake fur materials.

And there you have it. Your matching tactile card set is ready.