Visual Learning Activities

for Elementary Children

Assembling Legos

Children with strong spatial skills are drawn to building blocks and Legos. Young children should start building with larger blocks. As their fine motor skills increase, they can work with smaller and smaller pieces. It's important to help children learn to organize the Lego pieces visually and learn to follow directions for assembly. Learning to organize with things they enjoy will set the stage for learning in other areas.



Materials Needed:

1 Prepackaged Set of Legos, with instructions

A Clear Table or Work Area

Action:

- Open a prepackaged set of Lego parts
- Have child help arrange the parts by color and size
- Place directions on table for child to "read"
- Together "read" through the directions to give child idea of steps involved
- Have child work step by step to assemble Legos
- Encourage observation, order and independence

Variations: There is no end to the variety of Legos that are available. As your child gets older and is ready for more advanced sets, be careful to match the complexity of the set with their increased ability. Be sure to consider other types construction and building sets for your spatial child.

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