

# MONTESSORI EQUIPMENT GUIDE

PRIMARY CLASS: YEAR ONE

# Dressing Frames

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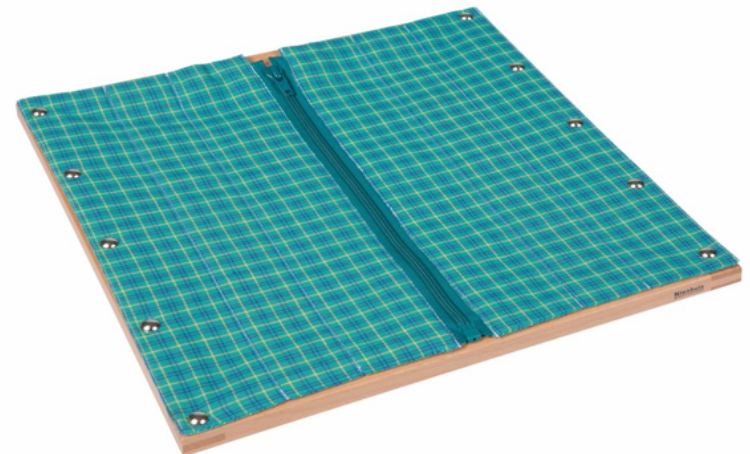
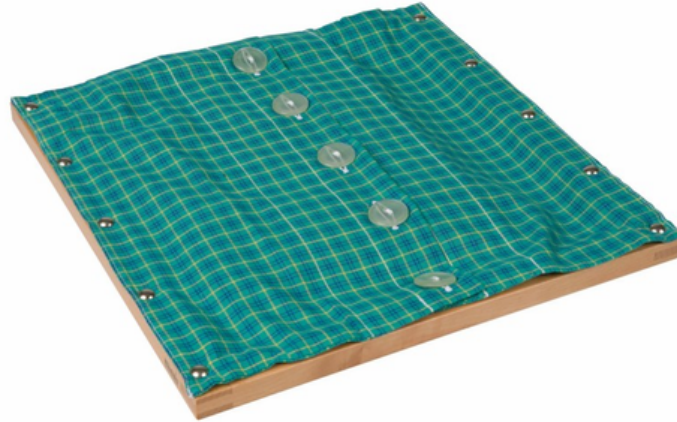
Snaps

Hook and Eye

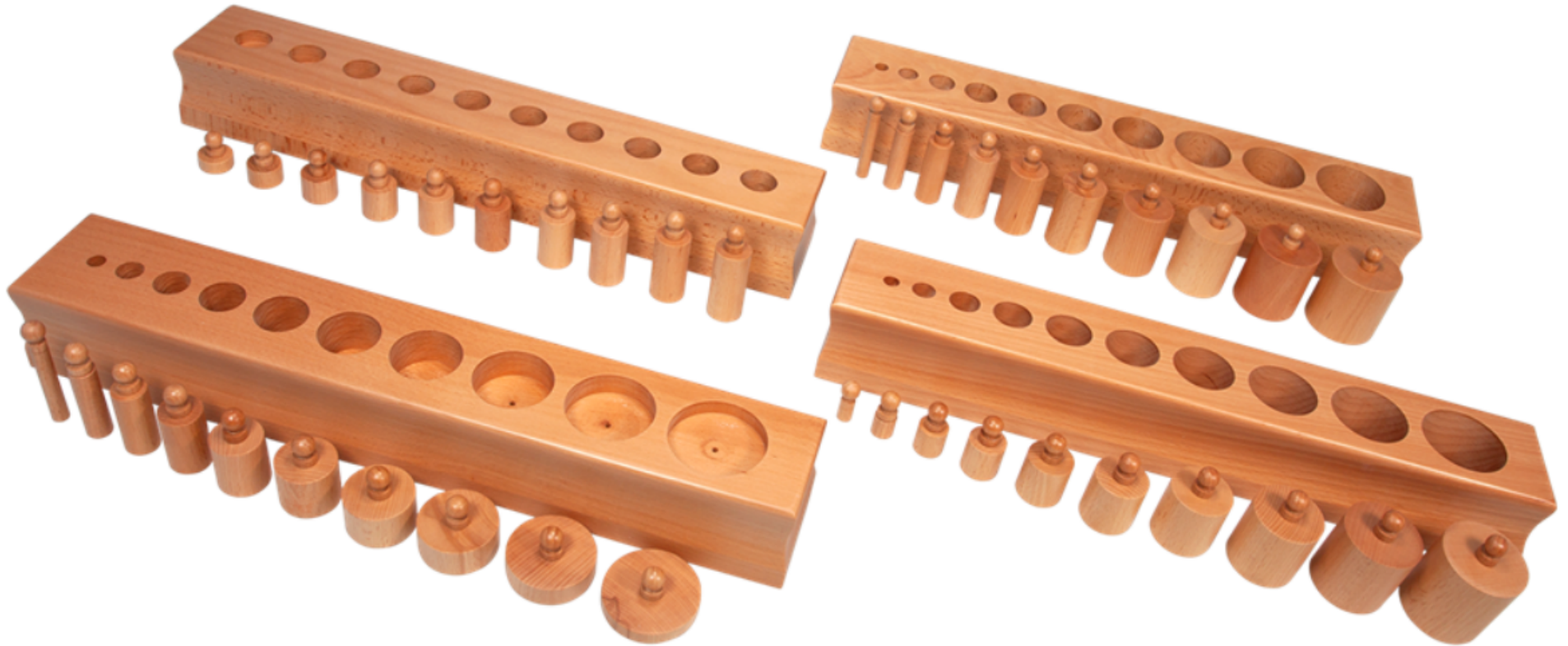
Bow Tying

Zipper

This is a subset of  
the classroom set,  
but you do not need  
all of them.



# Knobbed Cylinders



Avoid miniaturized copies!

Photo: Alison's Montessori

# Pink Tower



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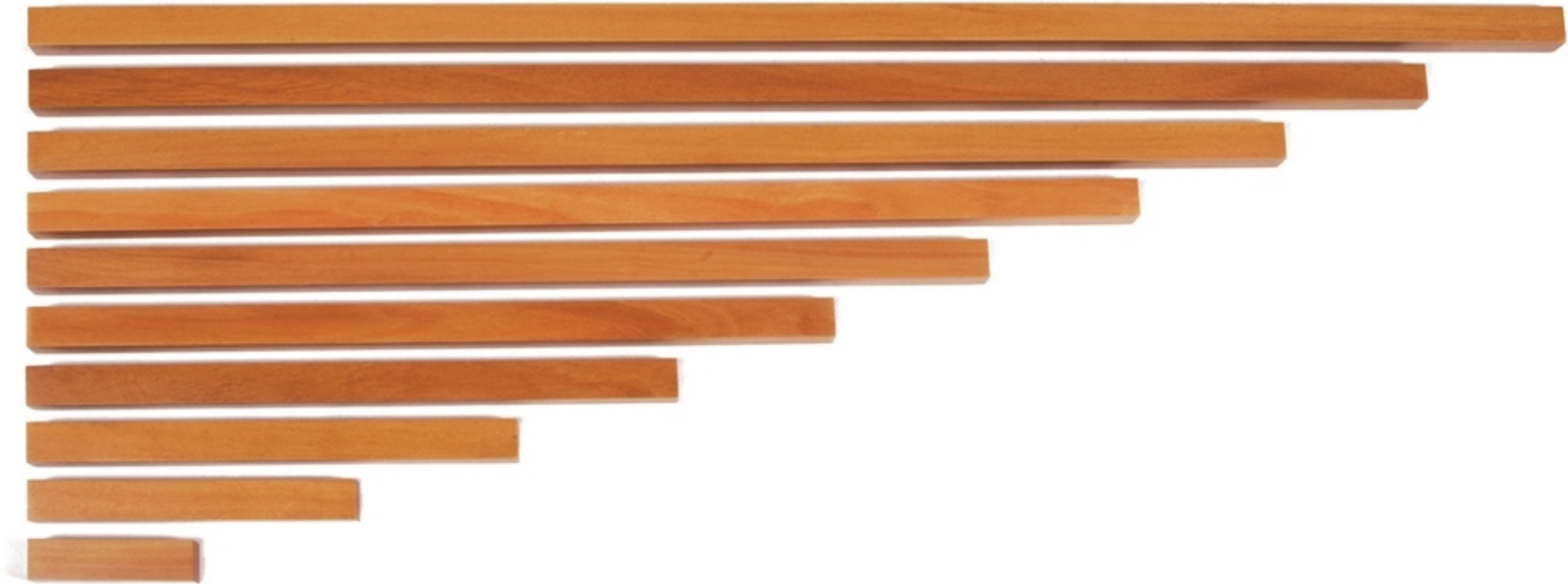
# Brown Stairs



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# Red Rods

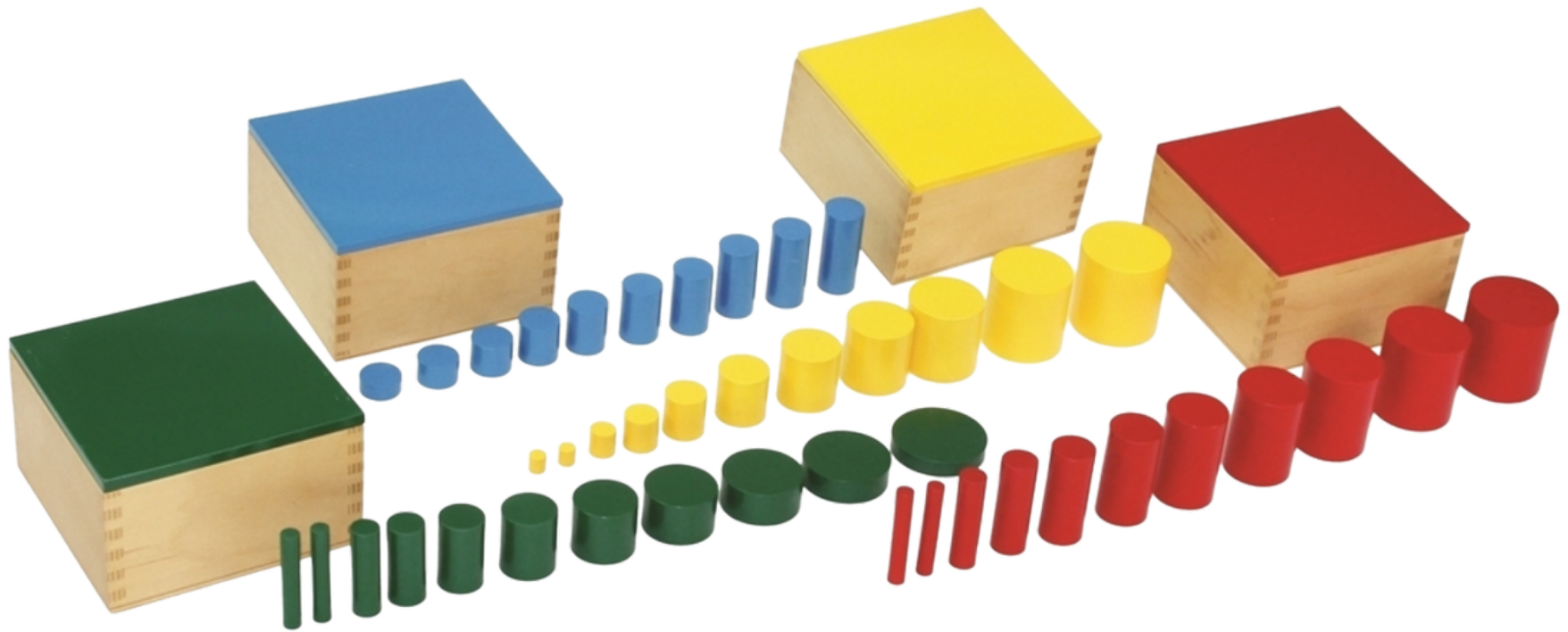


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Dr. Montessori's original rods were green.  
These unpainted rods from Alison's are good,  
providing a solid segue to the Number Rods.

Photo: Alison's Montessori

# Knobless Cylinders



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# Color Box I



Photo: Nienhuis



# Color Box II



Photo: Nienhuis

# Color Box III



Photo: Alison's Montessori

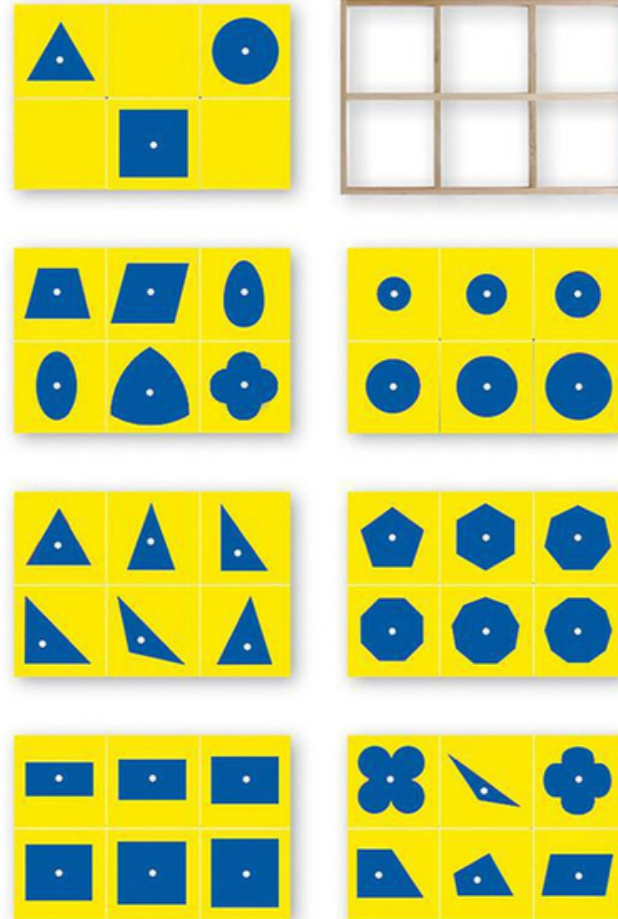
# Geometric Cabinet (Plane Shapes)



Photo: Nienhuis

# Geometric Plane Shapes

These are the shapes inside the cabinet



The color scheme can be red & white or blue & white (yellow or natural).

Photo: [etcmontessorionline.com](http://etcmontessorionline.com)

# Constructive Triangles



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Photo: Nienhuis

# Rough and Smooth Board Set



Photo: Nienhuis

# Rough and Smooth Gradation Tablets



Photo: Nienhuis

# Fabric Box



Our blog has great fabric box DIY tips.

Photo: Adena Montessori



# Thermic Bottles



You can use small glass bottles, but they are not quite as good.

Photo: Adena Montessori

# Smelling Bottles



Notice that the sets need to look slightly different.

Photo: Nienhuis

# Baric Tablets



Ideal for DIY, if the wood tablets are cut carefully.

Photo: Nienhuis

# Sound Boxes (Cylinders)



Our blog has good DIY information for these.

Photo: Nienhuis

# The Bells



We cannot use cheaper bells because they are not created to be accurate.

So far, only Nienhuis bells are created properly (in tune).

Two identical glockenspiels are the least expensive alternative.

Photo: Nienhuis

# Glockenspiel



This is a good material and color scheme.

Photo: Langfang Yonghe Musical Instruments via Alibaba

# Geometric Solids



You do not need the bases.

Photo: Adena Montessori

# Land and Water Forms



Definitely make these with real clay and a pitcher of water.

Photo: AliExpress Ohyeplus Montessori Store



# Globes



One globe has colored continents, the other has sandpaper land forms

Photo: AliExpress Ohyeplus Montessori Store

# World Puzzle Map



You will eventually need the whole set that includes all the continents, ideally with a map holder.

Photo: AliExpress Ohyeplus Montessori Store

# Pink Series Matching Cards

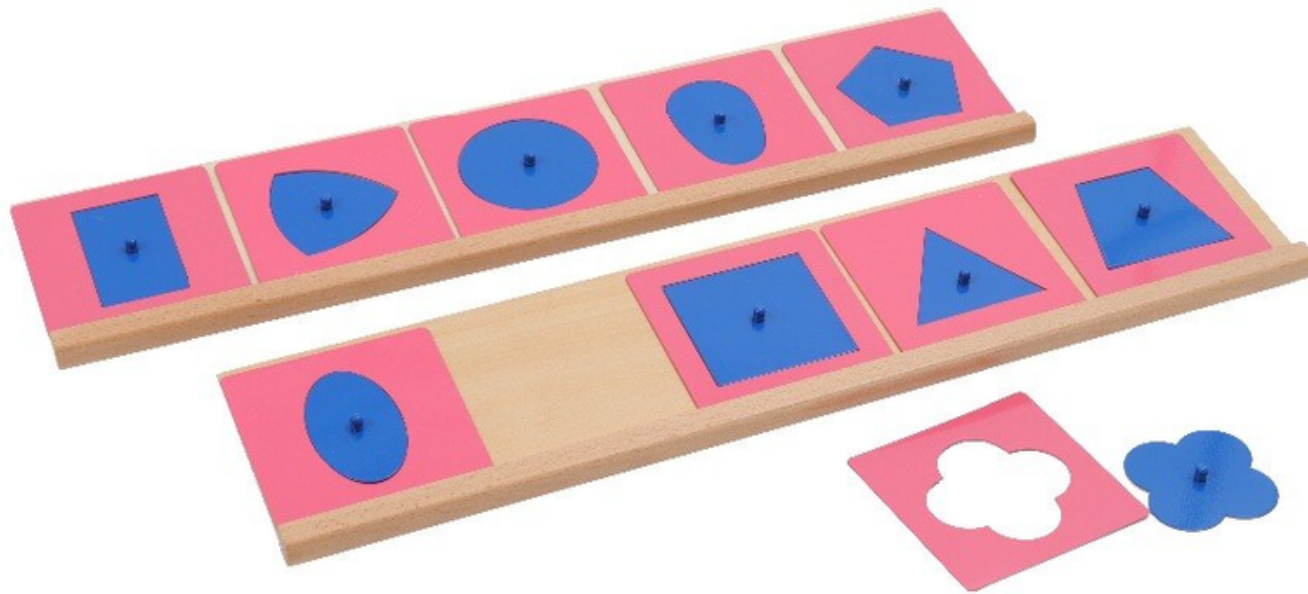
Three-part cards sets for each short vowel



We recreated our original paper material!

Photo: Our MontessoriHouse Etsy shop

# Metal Insets



No accessories needed.

Photo: AliExpress Ohyeplus Montessori Store

# Sandpaper Letters



Sassoon Font preferred

Photo: Absorbent Minds UK

# Movable Alphabet



It needs a box with compartments and a lid.

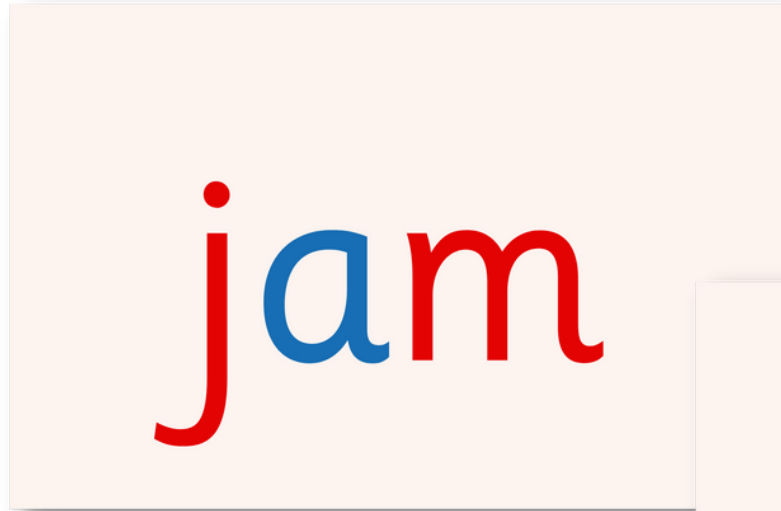
Sassoon Font is preferred, but you can use standard print.

Put the letters in order (left to right, top to bottom)  
when the box arrives.

Photo: Absorbent Minds UK

# Pink Series Large Cards

To use with the Movable Alphabet



We recreated these authentic cards from our original cards from Dr. Montessori's own London Institute class. The pale background color is original and it is easier on the eyes for reading.

Photo: Our MontessoriHouse Etsy shop

# Pink Series Large Cards

Demonstration

The cards help children write words that they are learning to read. Children can play games where one person reads the card and the other forms the word.

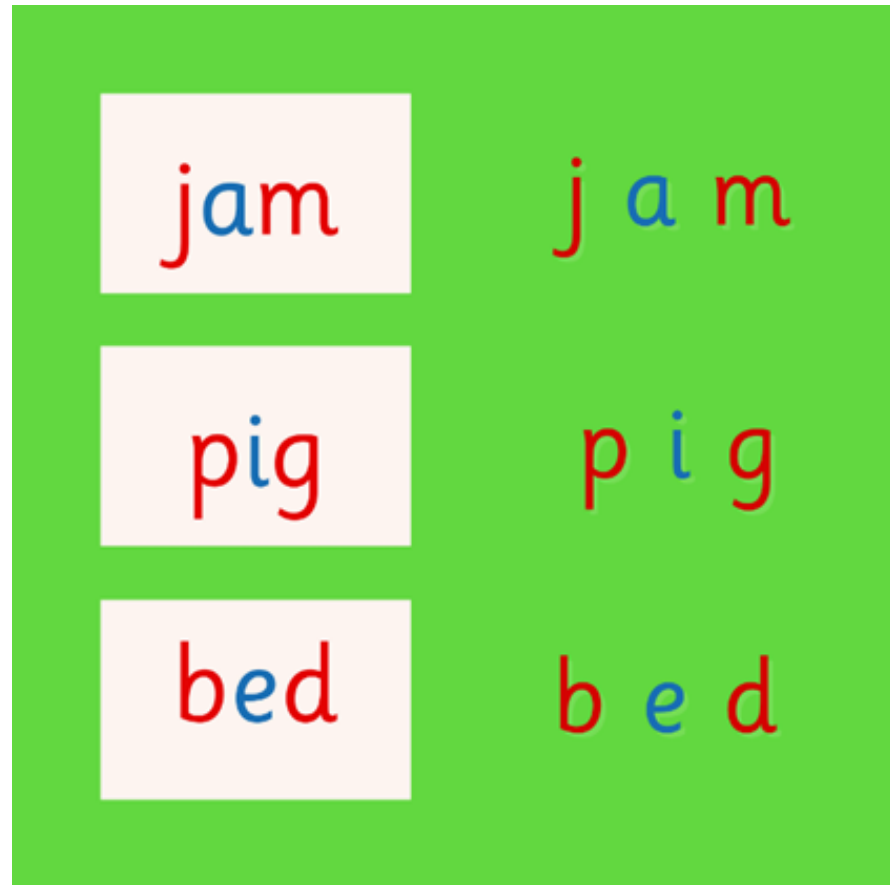
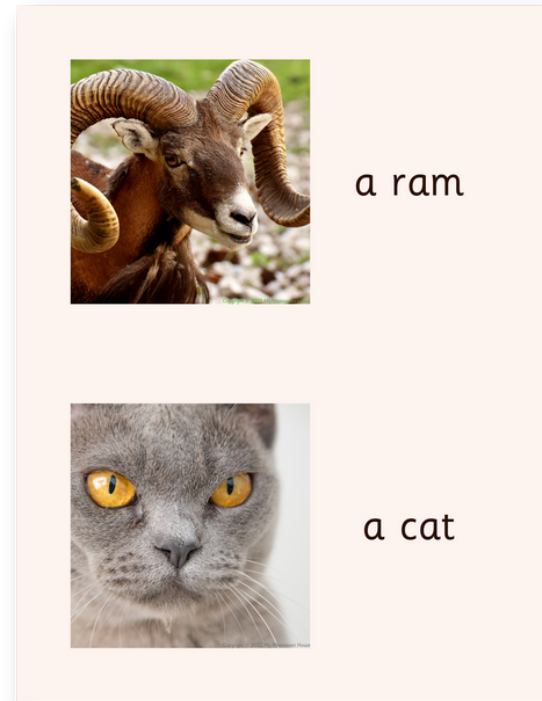


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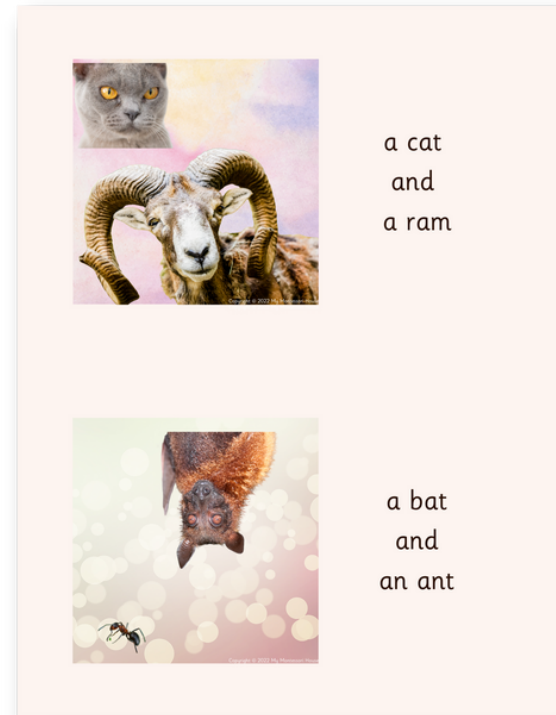
# Pink Series Books



A digital recreation of our original booklets,  
these series use real photographs with  
precise language for each.

Photo: Our MontessoriHouse Etsy shop

# Pink Series Books Set 2



These booklets transition to Primary Year 2,  
though some children read them earlier.

Photo: Our MontessoriHouse Etsy shop

# Spindle Box



This is the original configuration  
of the spindle box.

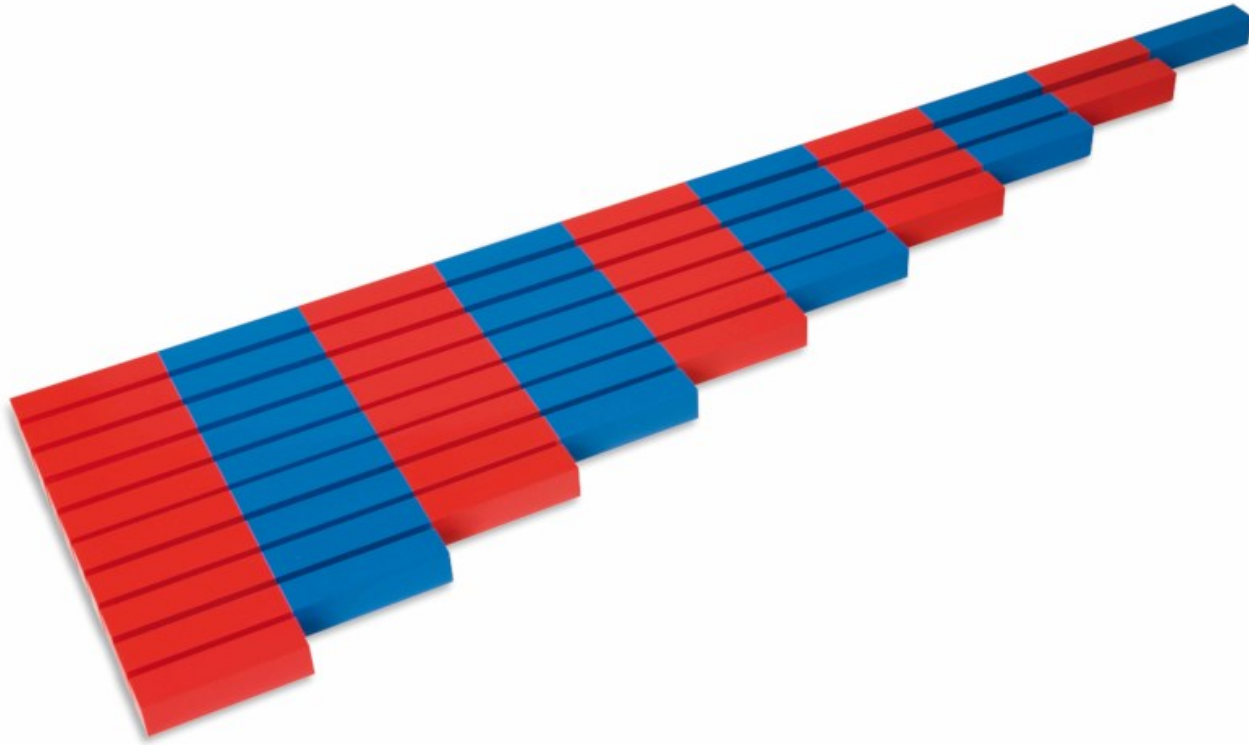
Photo: Absorbent Minds UK

# Numerals and Counters



Photo: Nienhuis

# Number Rods



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# Colored Beads



Next year, you will need many of these, so it's good to buy a big box. If glass beads are in your budget, they are nice.

Photo: Nienhuis' glass beads

# Introduction to Decimal Quantities



Next year, you will need a full set of Golden Beads, so you do not need to buy this separately.

Photo: Nienhuis

# Montessori Mats

Solid color, dark, contrast with equipment, no lines or patterns



Dimensions: About 20 x 29 inches.

Color: Medium green

Use: Table work with beads



Dimensions: About 49 x 29 inches.

Color: Dark green

Use: Floor work

These are the original mat specifications. The best mats are made with 100% felted wool, but poly-blends work. They are impossible to find, so we suggest buying the fabric and cutting it. No hemming is needed for felt. Felted fabric is ideal for the rolling exercises, too. Furthermore, it is flat on the surfaces.



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