

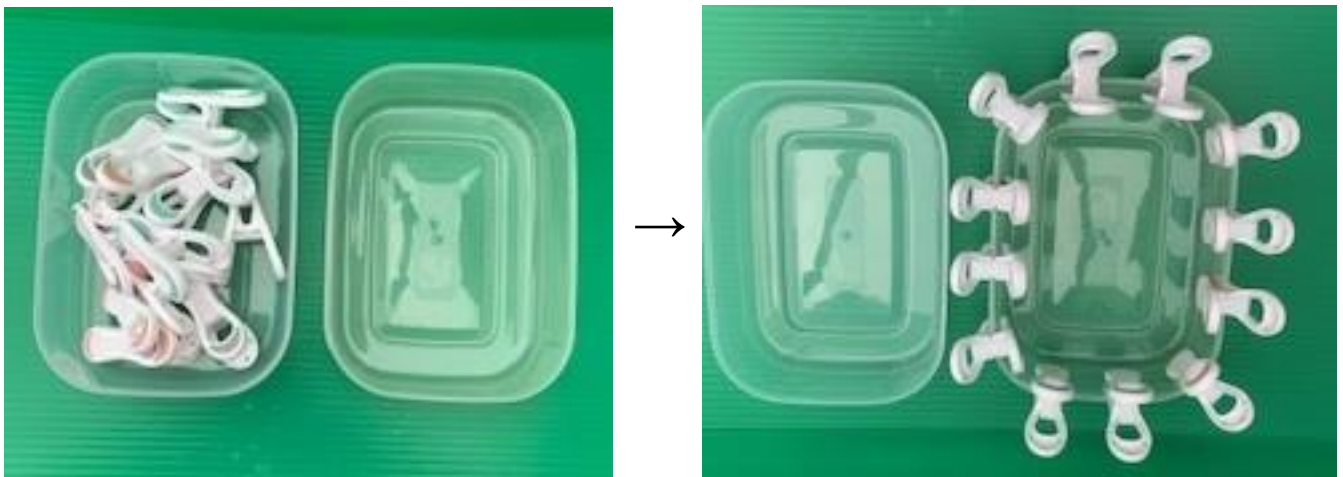
KEEPING BUSY AT HOME

I thought I would share with you some activities you can do with pegs. All of these activities will keep you child busy and will make them think. The pegs will help with regulation. So here we go ...

Peg tasks

You will need two food boxes or containers and pegs.

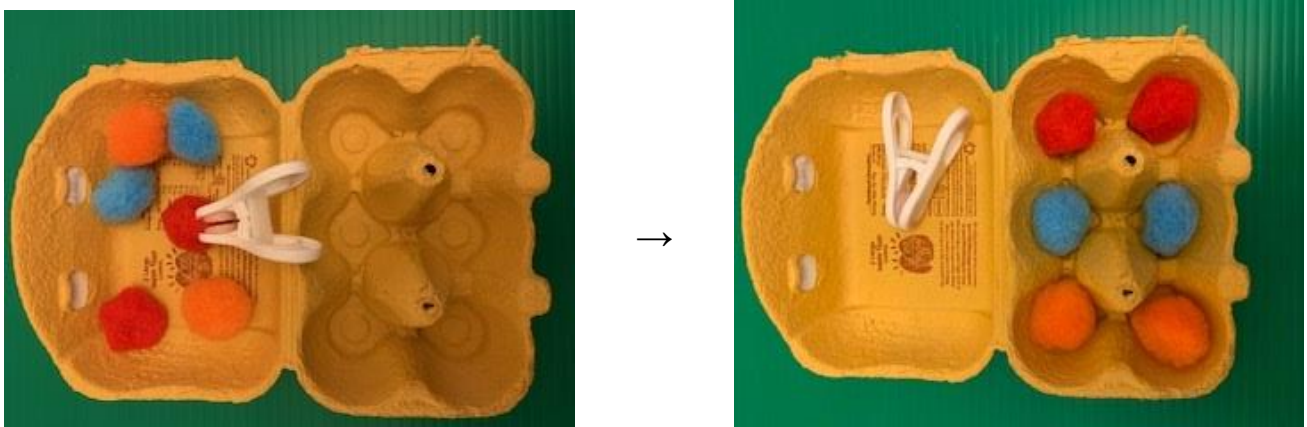
1. Put all the pegs in one box
2. Take one peg at a time and peg on to the edge or rim of the second container



Pompom sorting

For this task you will need two clear containers / empty egg box, pompoms and one peg.

1. Use the peg and pick up one pompom at a time
2. Transfer the pompom to the other side and release in one of the holes



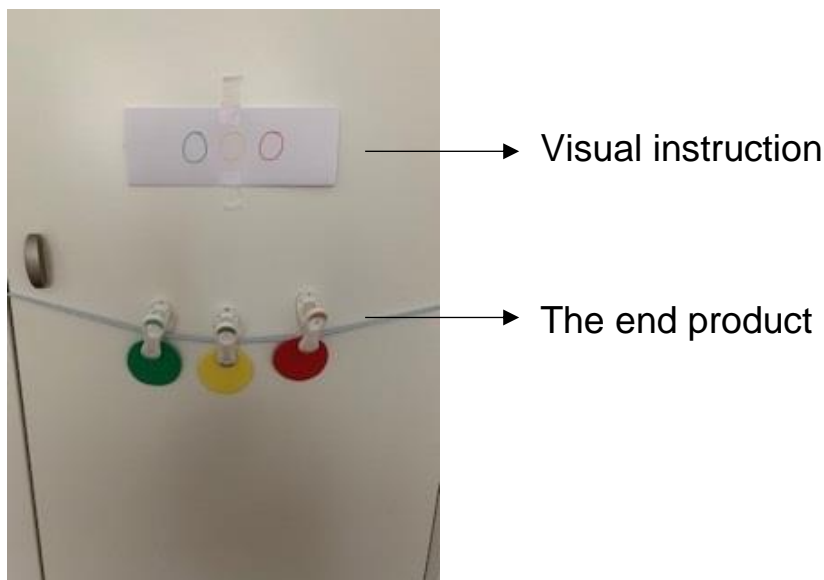
Colour and shape sequences

Important:

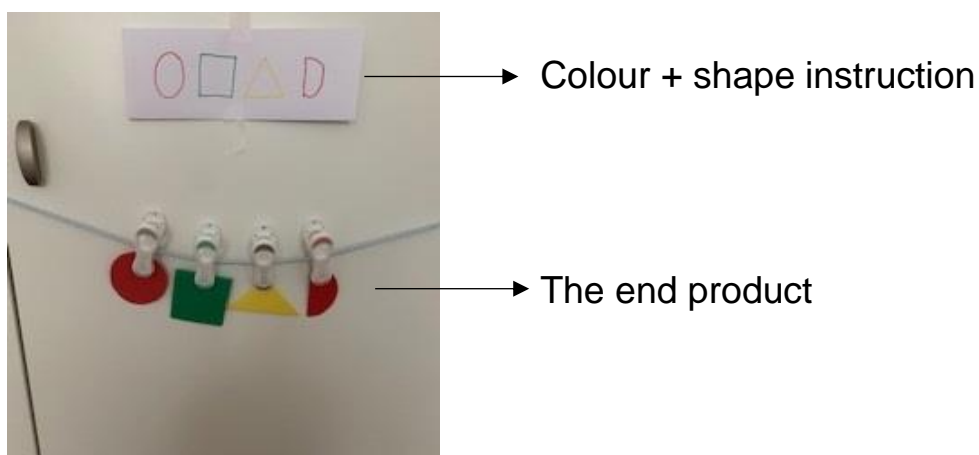
These tasks are for children who are skilled at using pegs and who are also able to follow visual instructions.

For these tasks you will need a 'washing line', a cupboard door handle / drying rack, or two chairs. You will also need pegs, coloured shapes and instructions.

1. Keep the pegs in one container on the floor and the shapes in another
2. Your child will follow the visual instruction and complete it with *very little support, or independently*



If your child can do this easily, you can move on to the next stage where the instruction will now contain shape as well as colour.



If your child can do this easily, you can move on to the next stage where the instruction will now contain a sequence of shape coloured shapes. Your child should be able to follow the visual instruction with *minimal support, or independently*.



→ Coloured shape sequence instruction

→ The end product

Building words

Important:

Your child should be able to copy the visual instruction with minimal support, or independently. This task is more difficult than completing identical matching, where your child is able to match a letter and place it on top of an identical letter.

I used Christmas gift tags for the example, but paper squares will work just as good.

Your child will copy letter sequence by pegging it onto the line. Read the word with him or her after s/he has completed the word.



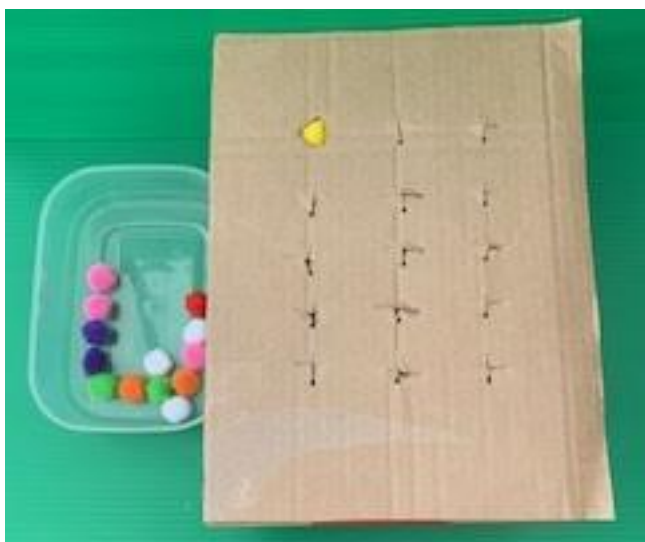
Shoebbox tasks

You will need a shoebox, or any other box. I used one shoebox and cut a big hole in the lid. I then used amazon delivery boxes to make different 'tops' or overlays for the shoebox. You can be as creative as you want.

This is what it should look like:



For all of these tasks, your child will have to pick up the objects with a peg. The objects and the peg will be in a small container to the left. They will know it is finished when all the objects are gone. If your child can't use a peg, let them pick up the pompoms by hand.



I cut crosses with a vegetable knife in the overlay.

Remove one pompom with the peg.

Drop it on one of the cut crosses.

Push it through with your index finger.

For the next activity, you will see two slots in the overlay. If your child needs hand-over-hand support to complete these tasks, don't let them pick up the shapes with a peg, but simply take a shape and drop it into any of the slots.

That is fine. We don't want your child to become frustrated.

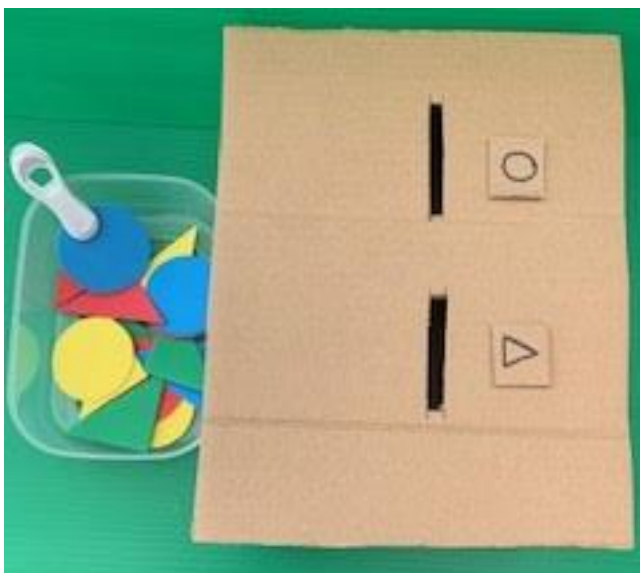
If your child is able to sort, you can put a divider in the box. That will help you to see whether they did the sorting correctly. This is what it will look like:



2-Part sort



4-Part sort

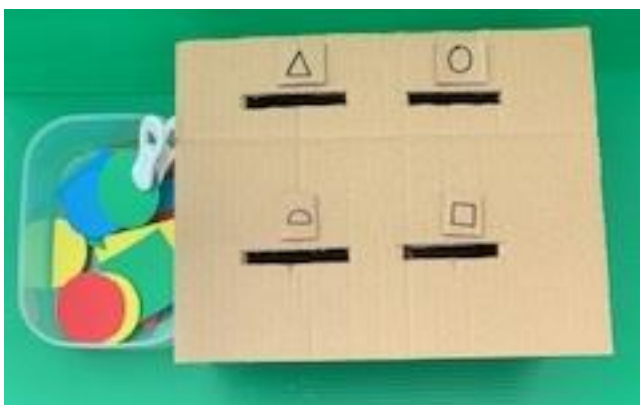


Pick up a shape with the peg.

Hold and transfer it to the correct slot.

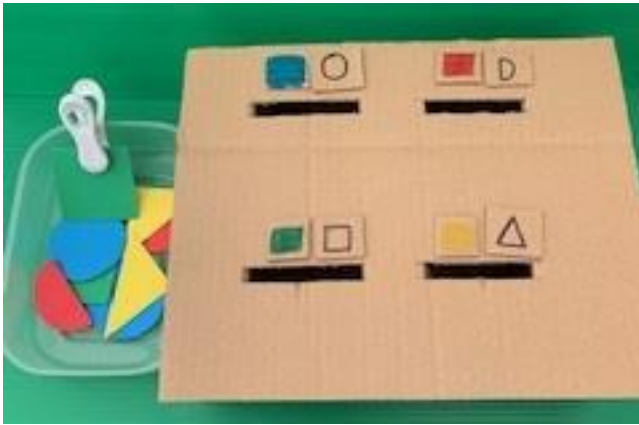
Drop in the slot by releasing the peg.

Check if it is correct.



The same as above, but this time they have to sort it into Four different shapes.

You can use the 4-part divider for this activity.



The same principle. If your child does not understand the visual instruction of colour + shape, this task may not be for them.

Pompom sorting

You can do this activity with or without pegs.



Put a pompom in each container to tell your child which colour goes where.

They pick it up by hand or with the peg, and drop it in the appropriate container.

Peg challenge

Challenge your children to see what shapes they can make with pegs. These are my attempts. Sorry, but I am not very creative when it comes to pegs.



More ideas with washing pegs from the internet:



Enjoy and have fun. Keep safe.