

Textured Number Mittens

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These brightly coloured number mittens are a wonderful mathematical resource that offers possibilities to play with numbers.

- You could set up a table with a selection of items such as; pebbles, jewels etc. You could encourage children to create groups of objects and select the correct number mitten for the amount.
- You could use these mittens as a number line for children and they could try to match the numbers to the correct mitten.
- You could use these in counting songs and rhymes such as; five little ducks, five monkeys jumping on the bed, five currant buns etc. You could set out five ducks with the mittens and begin to do simple subtraction with the children. Ask mathematical questions such as 'We had five, one went to the park, and one went to the shops now we have...?'
- These are a wonderful resource for sequencing, you could have them in a basket next to a washing line. Ask the children if they can put the mittens in order from one to ten on the washing line.
- Play find the number. You might ask them to find their age. Can they find the mitten that matched how many little pigs or billy goats there are in the familiar story?
- Play find me the number that comes next. Hold up the e.g. six mitten and they can sort to find the seven.
- Play find me a larger, bigger number than e.g. four.
- Play I am thinking of a number and it sits between seven and nine. What could it be? Hold up the right mitten when you have found out.
- Go on a number treasure hunt wearing your mittens. Can you find numbers in the environment that match?