

Collect and Sort Table

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This lovely Wooden Collect and Sort Table features a central bowl and eight mini bowls. It is a great outdoor resource for children to explore messy play and natural materials. There is even a shelf underneath for handy storage. The children will create different ways of using the table but here are a few ideas.

- With the children you can go on a hunt around your outdoor area or outside your setting (risk assess) to source naturally found objects. Use these in the central bowl to encourage children to explore the materials in the little bowls. Children can use Miniature Metal Tongs (EY10800) to develop their fine motor skills by picking up the different materials.
- Use this table as an extension or as a mini mud kitchen. Set out Messy Maths Measuring Bottles (EY10343) for children to create concoctions and potions with. You can set out flower heads, leaves, mud etc. for children to explore cause and effect and also irreversible change.
- Children love to discover, so ensure you provide plenty of resources of different shapes and sizes (risk assess). Use the Number Pebbles (EY03749) in the central bowl. Encourage children to count the amounts they have in their mini bowl and to find and select the number to represent their amounts.
- This could be used as a threading hub. Set out ropes and strings (risk assess) with different types of beads etc. for children to thread with to develop their fine motor skills.
- Create an exciting colour wheel for children to explore. Find items (risk assess) of different colours for children to match.
- The table is a great resource for sorting activities. The children can take items from the central bowl and then clarify them accordingly into their specific side bowls. They could sort buttons, beads, natural materials, stones, leaves etc. (risk assess).
- Provide items to make this in a mini mixing station. Have lots of different utensils and containers. It could become a perfume centre, a laboratory, a cake factory etc.