

Rainbow Salt Tray

This resource can be used in many different ways. Students who are learning to write numbers (and letters) can use this tray to enhance the sensory input of forming the numbers. Easy to make and easy to use!

Materials:

- Salt or sand
- Tray
- Colored paper (Rainbow => ROY G BIV. Red Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo, Violet)
- Tape

The tray can be made from any flat, low-sided box or the top of a plastic container. The tray should have a lip all the way around to contain the salt. Cut the colored paper into strips, enough to fit the width of the box. Make sure to tape down all the edges so the salt doesn't go under the paper. Pour enough salt (or sand) to cover the paper. Don't put too much salt or it will be hard to see the colors.



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The child then writes the numbers in the salt, exposing the colors underneath. The child can use a paint brush, but using a finger gives more sensory input. Shake the tray to erase and start again!