

Colors

Bean Bags

Toss and learn color fun!

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Ages 3+
Grades Pre-K+

Colors Bean Bags are a fun, active way to encourage young learners' color identification skills. Here are several game ideas to get you started.

Toss and Say

Divide children into pairs or small groups. Give each team a pile of bean bags. Depending on the age and ability of your students, have children stand from three to six (or more) feet from one another. Have the children take turns tossing the bean bags to one another, identifying their bean bag's color on each toss.

Color Circles

Draw and label a "color circle" on the ground for each of the bean bags. Have children take turns tossing bean bags into the appropriate circles and identifying something that color, for example, "Red, apple. Yellow, sun. Gray, elephant."

Bean Bags in Action

Use the bean bags to practice both color identification and position words. Place the bean bags in a container. Invite children to find a bean bag of a specified color and place it in a specified position. For example, have a child, "Find the *red* bean bag and place it *behind* your back." Continue with different color bean bags and different position words: on, under, over, near, far, right, left, and so on.

"I Spy" Colors

Place the bean bags in a bag or other container. Have a child reach inside the container without looking and choose a bean bag, for example, green. Then have her locate something in the room that is the same color. When she has found something, have her say, "I spy something green," place the bean bag on her head, shoulder, arm, or any other chosen body part and, while balancing the bean bag, walk over to the object and identify it, "I spy something green. It's a plant."

More "I Spy" Colors

Describe an object in the room that you have "spied." For example, say, "I spy with my little eye, something brown. I post your pictures and stories on it." The first child that correctly guesses what you are describing (the bulletin board) takes the bean bag of the appropriate color, balances it on his head, hand, or other chosen body part, and walks over to identify the object, "I spy with my little eye, something that is brown. It's the bulletin board."

Scrambled Colors

Arrange the bean bags in a row. Have the children identify the bean bags by color from left to right. Rearrange or scramble the bean bags and let children name them in their new color order. **Variation:** Depending on the age and experience of your students, arrange five or more bean bags in a row. Ask children to close or cover their eyes. Remove one of the bean bags and have children guess which one is missing. As children's visual memory increases, set out more bean bags and remove more than one of them at a time.

Color Toss

Make a giant color game board from a plastic shower curtain or tablecloth. Draw grid lines with a permanent marker, dividing the game board into 10 sections. Cut out pictures from magazines or have children draw pictures of objects or animals for each color on large index cards. Tape the pictures to the game board. Have children take turns tossing the bean bags onto the pictures with corresponding colors.

For more active toss and learn fun, look for these additional bean bag sets:

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EI-3047 Number Bean Bags
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