

THE PLAYRING SENSORY MATS SET

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"We have tried to address the needs of both children their teachers/therapists in the design of The Playring Sensory Mat Set. Its pedigree is that of the award winning Playring, safe, soft, flexible, stimulating, as well as fun, and suitable for children with a wide range of abilities, and at different stages of development. The Playring Sensory Mats Set comprises colour co-ordinated mats, 4 with sounds, 4 with textural qualities and 4 corner mats. The mats can be velcroed together and arranged into different combinations for a host of rewarding developmental play outcomes. The Playring Sensory Mat Set can also be a useful addition to your sensory room."

Accessibility: The Playring Sensory Mats Set encompasses our desire to provide quality play resources for children of different abilities, including flexibility to suit children with temporary or longer-term developmental or physical needs. This set is designed to be small and light enough to enable teacher/therapist or child to hold an individual mat, or to be assembled in part, on a table or tray to enable access for children unable to play on the floor.

Quality guarantee: FREE REPLACEMENT OF THE SOUND GENERATORS FOR THE FIRST TWO YEARS IN USE. (Simply send the whole sound pocket back us and we will insert a free replacement sound generator and return it to you by first class post.) Made to EN 71 Toy Standards, from specially selected soft, fire retardant, wipe clean materials filled with fire retardant foam. The Playring Sensory Mats are guaranteed for two years in normal use. Store in the bag provided. Do not immerse in water. Clean with diluted NON ABRASIVE disinfectant/proprietary cleaner. Use indoors on safe surfaces. Suitable for occasional use outdoors on warm, dry days on non-abrasive safe surfaces. Always supervise children at play. In case of complaint please contact this office by telephone or in writing.

FOR EXTRA HYGIENE AND SAFETY THIS SET IS MADE WITH OUR OWN BRAND ULTRA NON-TOXIC, PHTHALATE FREE, NON PVC ANTI-MICROBIAL FABRIC "eco-Play"

How to use the Playring Sensory Mats... here are some ideas to which you CAN add your own! Please send us your feedback and suggestions at the address below.

A) Small group settings – encourage awareness of others and their needs (PSE)

- i) Arrange the mats in a circle: note that the mats are colour co-ordinated so that there is a corner in each colour red, green, yellow, blue, OR select groups of mats with a theme – sound, texture, colour etc.
- ii) With the mats in a circle, utilise the central mat: e.g. adult support worker, lava lamp, aromatherapy, etc
- iii) THE ORIGINAL PLAYRING WILL ALSO FIT ON THE CENTRAL MAT AND CAN BE INCORPORATED IN PLAY TO EXTEND THE USE OF YOUR MAT SET.

B) One to one settings with individual mats: Select individual mats or groups of mats to help achieve particular goals in a one to one session.

1) Positional Language: Ask the children/child to help arrange the mats themselves with "next to" or "over" "on top of" or "under" guidance or use the removable play shapes with sound reward/clue – e.g.: **rainbow over the house, sheep in the field, big star next to the little star, candle on the cake.** (NOTE SOME SETS WILL HAVE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT COMBINATION OF SOUNDS AND PICTURES EG TEDDY BEARS IN THE FIELD FOR A PICNIC FOR SHEEP IN THE FIELD)

2) Mathematical language: The mats are made with different size geometrical shapes for investigations into "big" "little" "smaller" "bigger" For example big star and little star. Small FUR circle and large FUR circle

3) Colour and 2D: Shape recognition: "blue circle", "green triangle" etc. (colours may vary)

4) Self awareness: Replaceable mirror

5) Textures: Experience different textures on the mats, by feet, and hands, plus add your own containers of sand, water, crinkly paper, carpet, wool, etc., on the wipe clean central mat.

6) Aromas: Use the central wipe clean mat for aromatherapy oils, aromatic leaves and herbs etc. Please keep oils in their containers and wipe off spillages at the end of the session.

7) Other sensory experiences: These can be developed on the central mat that link to the theme of your session – lava lamps etc.

8) Motor Skills: a) Gross Motor: Walking, crawling, hopping, stretching are all possible! Assemble the mats in winding tracks across the floor. b) Fine motor skills: the removable sound pockets do not require fine pincer grasp to position so are suitable for children with less well developed fine motor skills.

9) Listening Skills/What's Wrong? : Use the sound pockets for matching games and develop communication and understanding by, for example, putting the rainbow in the field, and the sheep over the house and asking "What's wrong?"

10) DESIGN YOUR OWN EXTRA MAT – OR SET? WE CAN PRODUCE COMBINATIONS TO SUIT YOU! CALL FOR DETAILS. PRICES FROM £20.00 EX VAT & P&P

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