

Multi-Buckets

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Multi-Buckets were developed by Chip Candy, a physical education teacher in Medford, NJ, to provide opportunities for children to use their imaginations to create various configurations. The molded plastic shapes in assorted colors can easily be stacked to build forts, pyramids, and other structures. They are ideal for use in tossing games and can even be used as traffic markers. With Multi-Buckets, you can help your students develop their skills in color recognition, eye/hand coordination, finger dexterity, spatial relationships, balance, body awareness, deductive reasoning, and teamwork. The following are some of Chip's ideas for using this versatile product:

Targets

Turn Multi-Buckets over and, as targets, throw or roll balls at them. They can be stacked and knocked over, similar to the carnival game using milk bottles, or set like bowling pins and bowled over. They can even be used as targets for small hoops to be tossed around.

Scoring Targets

Place the Multi-Buckets on the ground, number them with stickers or with markers and toss beanbags into them. Place them in various positions, with easy tosses having low point values and more difficult tosses having higher point values. You can even place obstacles around the Multi-Buckets to increase the difficulty or, using paddles or rackets, hit balls into the buckets for points.

Catching

Have one child hold a Multi-Bucket in their hands and have another child toss beanbags or foam balls into them. The children can place the Multi-Buckets in different positions (on their heads, in their laps, in the crook of their arms, etc.).

Some additional ideas include:

1. Throw and catch in Multi-Buckets by yourself. For example: catch a ball in bucket after one bounce; throw an item in the air and catch in the bucket, or spin first and then catch, or catch behind your back, etc.
2. Throw a ball against a wall and catch in a Multi-Bucket.
3. Play catch with a partner. For example: catch in different positions; pick up grounders; catch high tosses, and get the idea of "giving" with the toss.

4. Toss a ball in the air and place the Multi-Bucket on the ground where you think the ball will land.

Wall/Castle Building

Multi-Buckets stack easily into forts or pyramids. Try the following stacking games:

1. Build the highest/fastest/longest/straightest, etc. structure.
2. Build a class wall that everyone can help knock down later.
3. Build a castle, fort, or house with various rooms.
4. Use as a problem solver. For example: build a castle with everyone inside, or build a 20-piece structure as tall as the tallest child in the class.
5. Use for timed building. See who can build certain structures within one minute.
6. Build forts and then give out Nerf® balls to be thrown or rolled at competitors' forts.

Obstacles

Use Multi-Buckets to jump over, run around for weaves, avoid when dribbling basketballs or soccer balls.

Cones

Multi-Buckets work well as inexpensive cones. Also, use for scooter runways.

Storage

Use to store small items like cords, bands, small balls, dice, etc.

Bucket Flip

Form two separate teams who spread out over a designated playing area. Place a large quantity of Multi-Buckets around the playing area, half of them facing up and the other half facing down. One team tries to flip all the Multi-Buckets face up, while the other team tries to place all the buckets face down. Guarding of the Multi-Buckets is not allowed. Play for a certain time period and then determine which team wins by counting how many Multi-Buckets are facing up or down. Vary the game by having the teams use only one hand, or only their feet.

All of the above games may be adapted to accommodate different needs. In addition, we've found that children are always coming up with new games to play using our Multi-Buckets.



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