

JUMBO LACING BEADS

Item # 20103

Jumbo Lacing Beads are perfect for working on fine motor, sequencing and sorting skills. They are also very effective as a calming station. The bilateral nature of stringing beads, using both hands, engages both sides of the brain as the student strings the beads.

- Ask students to place beads on string in specific order of color, repeating the color aloud as they string them. Create other color sequenced stations to match the same order. Repeat the same order throughout the class period. At the end of the class period, ask students to repeat the color sequence from memory.
- Ask students to string individual colors or shapes. For example, “String all the yellow beads.”
- Ask students to notice other common characteristics between similar beads. “Are all the yellow beads the same shape?”
- If overstimulation is a problem for students, create a quiet space and allow them to string beads until they have the opportunity to calm down. Once calmed, allow them to return to other activities.



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