

TACTILE PUZZLE Montessori

ASSEMBLE PUZZLE

Lay everything out on the table. Ask the children to look at all the subjects featured on the pieces, saying what they're called out loud. "Horse! Tractor! Cat!..." and so on. Leave them to assemble the puzzles themselves, aided by the self-correcting pieces. If they find it difficult, give them some clues to help find the right piece, without doing it for them.





EXPLORING THE FARM BY TOUCH

Once the puzzles are complete, draw the children's attention to the tactile insets, starting with those simulating the fur or coat of some animals, then ask them to trace some of the details in the scene with their fingers. Remember to say the name of each thing out loud and ask the children to do the same. Following this, allow them to explore the scene by themselves.



Montessori Method

As educator Maria Montessori observed, learning is enhanced when it requires movement and engages all five senses. Her entire teaching method was based on learning through the direct experience of the senses, of movement and of the body. Most of her learning materials were therefore designed to be experienced through the senses: primarily touch but also sight, smell and hearing.

