

Marbles in Clay

Activity 29

Level: Easy

Purpose:

- Finger isolation
- Hand muscle development
- Sense of touch

Materials:

- Clay
- Marbles

Directions:

1. Knead the clay until soft. Form it into two large balls that are big enough to hide four marbles. You can make one and have the student make one, or two students can each make one.
2. Push the marbles into the clay so that they can't be seen. Reshape the clay back into a ball.
3. Trade balls with another player and try to dig out the marbles from the other ball of clay with your fingers. Repeat this activity twice.
4. When you're done, rub off the bits of clay that are stuck to the marbles, stick the clay pieces back together and form it into a ball.

Tips:

1. Increase or decrease the level of difficulty by changing the amount of shoulder stability the student is using. Less stability is needed if arms are leaning on table or legs. More stability is required when holding arms in space.