

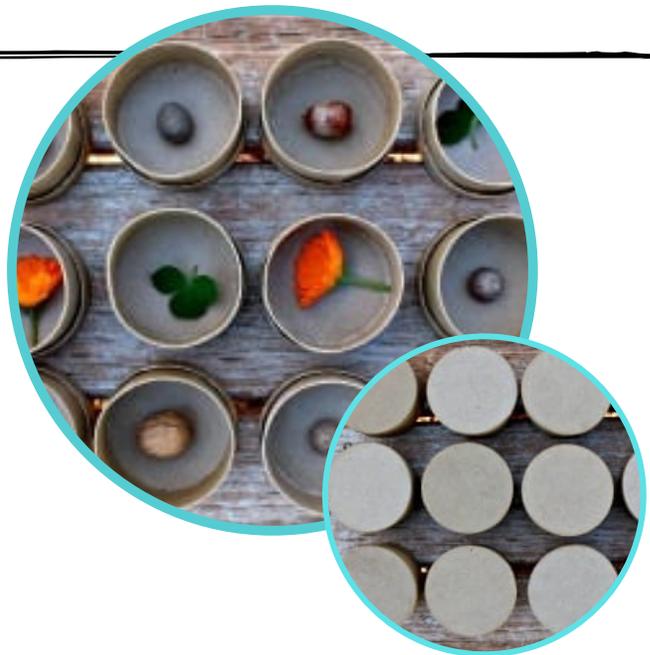
Memory Matching Game

For this activity you will need:

- 12 matching containers with tops (some ideas are: small craft boxes, Dixie Cups with cupcake liners as tops, whatever you can think of!)
- 6 matching pairs of nature items

First, you will need to collect natural materials in your backyard or go on a nature hunt to find natural items small enough to put inside each box. You will need at least two of each item, or a pair, in order to make a match.

Once you have collected a pair of each natural item, place a single piece into each container, place the lids on and mix them up!



Step 1

Place the memory match game boxes/containers on the table in 3 rows of 4 boxes.

Step 2

The first (or only) player picks a box and opens it!

Step 3

Another box is selected to try to match the item found in the first box. Picking the box up to feel the weight of it or shake it is not allowed. A memory match game box can be picked up to explore the item inside only after the lid has been opened.

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Step 4

If the items inside each box match, the player that found the match gets to keep the boxes. Place the boxes with the lids on the bottom off to the side so children can explore each match. Allow children to take their time with this before moving on. This is where learning happens!

Step 5

If the boxes selected do not match, the lids are placed back onto the boxes and are kept in the same place that they were originally found.

Step 6

The idea is to try to remember the item that is found in each box, and, where it is in order to make a match.



Step 7

If you are playing matching games with two players, watch and remember the item that is uncovered and where it is during the other player's turn.

Step 8

When a match is made during gameplay, the player that makes the match gets to take another turn.

Step 9

The memory match game is over when all the nature items have been matched up, or, paired together.

Step 10

The player with the most pairs of matched objects wins!