Did you know you can make different rice sensory bins with just an empty container, a bag of rice, and objects/toys from around the house?

# HOW TO DYE RICE

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**STEP 1:** Measure 1 Cup of rice into a container.

STEP 2: Next add 1 Teaspoon of Vinegar.

**STEP 3:** Now add as much food coloring as desired (deeper color= more food coloring).

**STEP 4:** Cover the container and SHAKE the rice vigorously for a minute or two. Check to see if the rice is evenly coated with the food coloring!

**STEP 5:** Spread the colored rice on a paper towel or a tray to dry in an even layer. **STEP 6:** Once dry you can transfer the colored rice to a bin for sensory play.

#### Now that you have your colored rice, add it to a container and have fun with these simple ideas!

## MATH AND MEASURING

Measuring cups can provide hours of open-ended play and discovery! An easy introduction to measurements and even fractions!

#### ALPHABET & NUMBER HIDE, SEEK, AND MATCH!

Let's go alphabet hunting! Grab a set of alphabet letters or numbers and hide them in your rice.

## CARDBOARD TUBES

Paper towel tubes and toilet paper rolls along with a scoop and container are a fun addition to create a simple rice sensory bin!

## KITCHEN PLAY

Go through your kitchen drawers and cupboards for this fun rice sensory bin. Add in some play food items if you have them.

## MAGNET MADNESS

Put together a simple rice bin with magnetic items and a magnetic wand to search for the treasure.

#### FAVORITE BOOK THEME

Choose a fun picture book and items that would relate to the story.

## **COINS AND COUNTING**

Add a roll of pennies to a sensory bin and for an added challenge add a clothespin for grabbing them.



## **RAINBOWS AND RICE**

Add colored rainbow rice and add items from around the house in rainbow colors.

#### PLANT A GARDEN

Fake flowers, a flower pot, rocks, and garden tools can be a fun addition to a rice sensory bin.

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