

PRIMARY MATERIALS (Essentials)

Practical Life

These materials include a variety of activities that support real-world functional independence skills. They can be made with items you find at home or in a thrift shop. You can read about some ideas, plus how to present them, below. For best results, notice what your child can help with around the home or classroom, and create materials to support their independence.

Full list of Primary Practical Life activities + lessons:

<http://www.infomontessori.com/practical-life/introduction.htm>

Videos of Practical Life lessons for early Primary:

<https://voilamontessori.com/category/video-simple-activities/>

Sensorial

These materials support the refinement of the senses, and help your child develop vocabulary. Below you'll find the essentials that will grow with your child into the elementary years. Those marked *DIY* can be made at home or printed.

Color Tablets: DIY

Geometry Cabinet: <https://montessorionoutlet.com/geometric-cabinet.html>

Constructive Triangles:

<https://montessorionoutlet.com/constructive-triangles-in-five-boxes.html>

Can be DIY with lots of precision and attention to detail

Trinomial Cube: <https://montessorionoutlet.com/trinomial-cube.html>

Geometric Solids: <https://montessorionoutlet.com/geometric-solids-with-stands.html>

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Puzzle maps: <https://www.montessoriequipment.ca/default.asp>

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There are many other Sensorial activities that can be DIY or explored through adventures in nature. Read about them here:

<http://www.infomontessori.com/sensorial/introduction.htm>

Language

Most Language materials can be printed or made at home. The exception is the Sandpaper Letters (they can be handmade but are extremely time-consuming). Read about the Language materials for Primary here:

<http://www.infomontessori.com/language/introduction.htm>

Sound Games: <https://voilamontessori.com/sound-game/>

Sandpaper Letters:

<https://montessorionet.com/catalogsearch/result/?q=sandpaper+letters>

Moveable Alphabet (free):

https://www.montessorialbum.com/montessori/index.php/Printable_Materials#Language

Chalkboard

Phonetic & Phonogram Object Boxes: <https://voilamontessori.com/phonetic-objects/>

Phonogram Folders

Grammar Symbols (free):

https://www.montessorialbum.com/montessori/index.php/Printable_Materials#Language

Sentence Analysis (for Primary you only use the question side of the arrows):

<https://theglobalmontessorinetwork.org/resource/elementary/sentence-analysis-materials/>

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Logical Adjective & Logical Adverb:

https://www.montessorialbum.com/montessori/index.php/Printable_Materials#Language

Math

The math materials require precision and are more likely to be purchased (though careful DIY options are great too). You'll need the majority of the math materials but you can purchase them or make them as your child moves through the concepts. These are the bare essentials for Primary:

Number Rods: <https://montessorionet.com/small-numerical-rods.html>

Golden Beads: <https://montessorionet.com/golden-bead-material.html>

Stamp Game: <https://montessorionet.com/stamp-game.html>

Decanomial Bead Box: <https://montessorionet.com/bead-decanomial.html>

Large Bead Frame: <https://montessorionet.com/large-bead-frame.html>

Can be DIY with precision

Addition Strip Board: <https://montessorionet.com/addition-strip-board.html>

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Subtraction Strip Board: <https://montessorionet.com/subtraction-strip-board.html>

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Multiplication Board: <https://montessorionet.com/multiplication-bead-board.html>

Division Board: <https://montessorionet.com/division-bead-board.html>

Fractions: <https://montessorionet.com/wooden-fraction-circles.html>

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