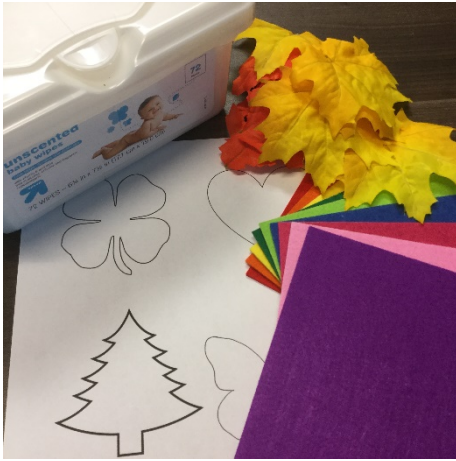


BOX OF SHAPES

TODDLER FINE MOTOR ACTIVITY



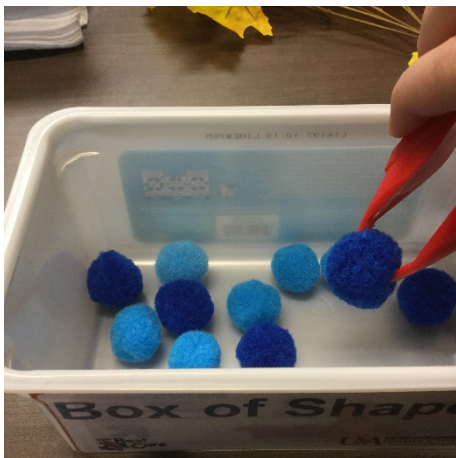
GATHER:

- PLASTIC BABY WIPE CONTAINER
- SMALL ITEMS SUCH AS SEASONAL DÉCOR: FALL LEAVES, PLASTIC CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS, POMPOMS OR FELT/FOAM TO CUT OUT SHAPES
- TEMPLATE AND SCISSORS
- CHILD-FRIENDLY TWEEZER, TONGS, OR SPOON
**THIS ONE IS FROM DOLLAR TREE
KID'S JUMBO TWEEZER**



CREATE:

- COLLECT ITEMS FOR DIFFERENT SEASONS OR CREATE USING TEMPLATE OR OUTLINE (SEVERAL INCLUDED WITH THIS LESSON)
- CHOOSE ONE SET TO PLACE INTO THE BOX



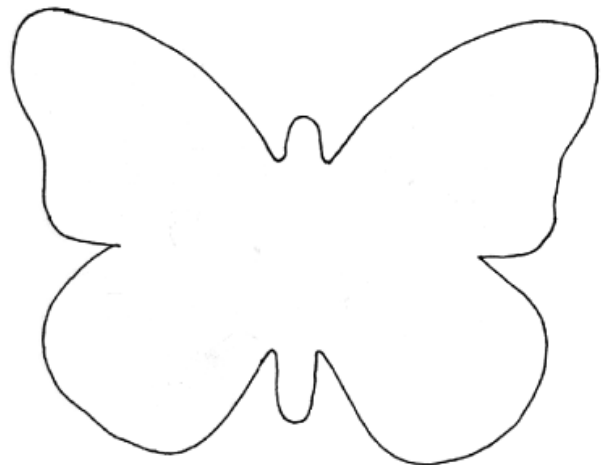
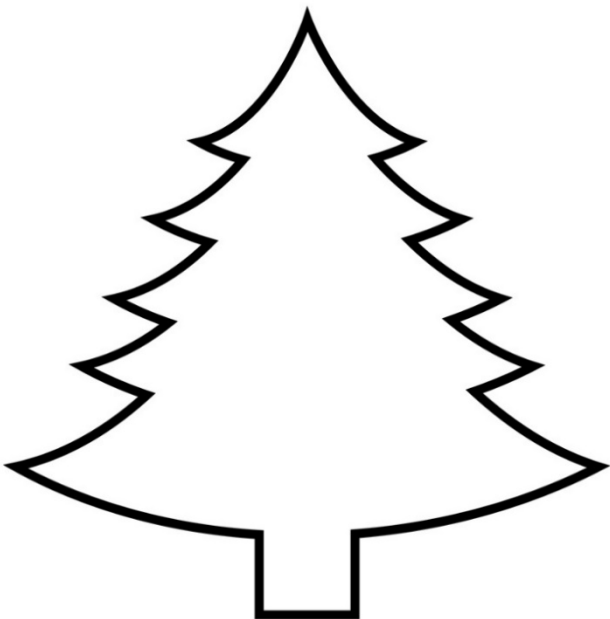
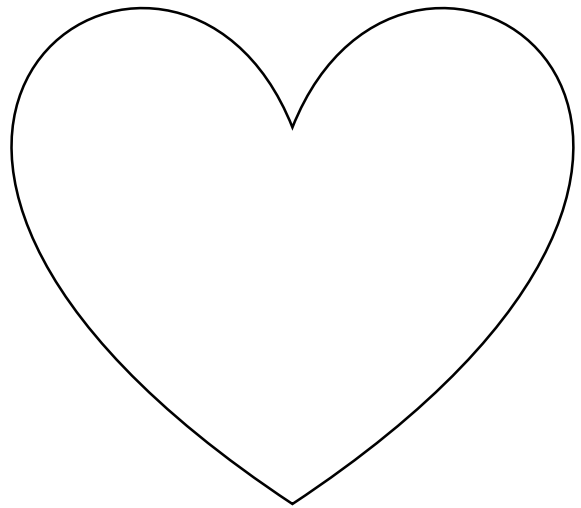
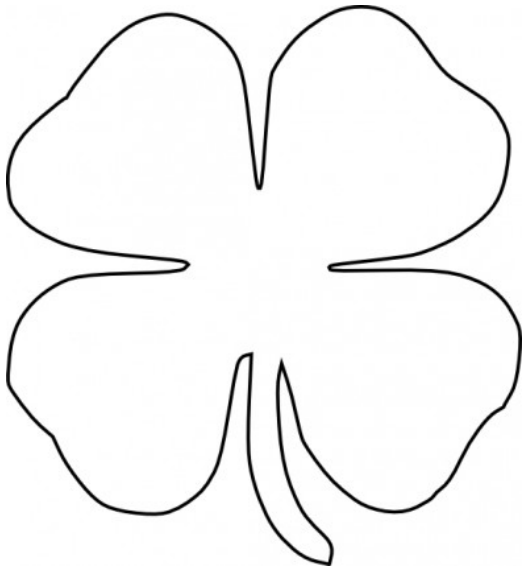
PLAY:

- INSTRUCT CHILD TO USE THE TWEEZER TO GET THE SHAPES OUT OF THE BOX.
- YOUNGER TODDLERS MAY STRUGGLE WITH THIS, SO OFFER GUIDANCE. THEY WILL LIKELY STILL BEGIN USING THEIR PINCH GRASP INSTEAD.
- ENCOURAGE OLDER TODDLERS TO USE THE TWEEZER OR TONGS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE TO GAIN MASTERY AND STRENGTHEN GRIP.



PLAY:

- TO START OVER, USE THE OPENING IN THE LID TO PUT THE SHAPES BACK IN THE BOX.
- FOR YOUNGER TODDLERS WHO ARE UNABLE TO USE THE TWEEZER, PUTTING SHAPES INTO THE OPENING AND THEN PULLING THEM OUT AGAIN IS A GREAT FINE MOTOR TASK!



BOX OF SHAPES



PRINT AND CUT OUT THIS LABEL FOR YOUR BOX OF SHAPES.
STICK TO BOX WITH PACKING TAPE OR CONTACT PAPER.

FOR MORE ACTIVITIES, VISIT www.uaex.edu/childcareresources OR THE
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