

Parents Instructions – Colored Bead Stair

Materials: A container
Colored Beads 1 - 9 (Short Bead Stair)
1 Golden Bar of 10
Rug (or gray felt for the table)

Purposes: To introduce the colored beads and golden bead to count quantities 1- 10

Steps:

1. Take from the container the colored beads, one at a time: name it, feel it, sit it on the table and invite your child to feel it.
2. Invite the child to count it and then place one under the others horizontally.
3. Model how to build the stair and then invite your child to continue when he gets the pattern (after three or four).
4. When done tell him that this is the Colored Bead Stair.
5. Last, place one ten on the table and ask the child: Do you know how do we call this bar? If he doesn't know invite him to count each bead and say this is ten. Place it under the stair.

Notes:

- When counting put your index finger on right side of each bead.
- You may play the Three-Period lesson, taking three bars at a time so that your child associates name, quantity and color.