



Fall Sensory Bin

What is a Fall Sensory Bin?

The Fall Sensory Bin is a center for developmental growth where play coincides with learning! This open-ended sensory experience encourages children to use their senses to explore new textures, colors, and smells on their own terms. The Fall Sensory Bin is the perfect foundation for interdisciplinary learning! When you allow children to engage in sensory play, they are able to learn from hands-on experience, which gives them the opportunity to think creatively, investigate new ideas, and participate in dramatic play.

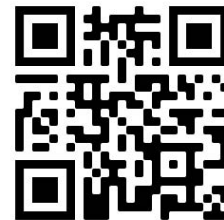
How Can I Use This in My Lesson Plan?

The learning possibilities are endless with the Fall Sensory Bin! Incorporate STEM into this sensory exploration by encouraging children to predict how different textures might feel, make observations about their color, size, and smell, and record what they've found to share as a group. This sensory experience is also the perfect time to encourage dramatic play. Let students take charge as they gather, scoop, sort, and play with the different sensory elements in the Fall Sensory Bin—there's something fun to explore with every new material you add!

Required Materials:

- Fun2 Play BlackTray (Item #55582)
- Handy Scoops (Item #30669)
- Small Bucket (Item #62162)
- Dried Corn
- Pumpkin Seeds
- Cinnamon Sticks
- Candy Pumpkins

Scan this [QR Code](#) to view this activity on our [website](#) and to check out more of our [Insights and Inspirations](#) articles!



1. Gather Your Materials

Gather fall-inspired objects and materials like dried corn, pumpkin seeds, cinnamon sticks, and candy pumpkins to put in your Fall Sensory Bin. Encourage students to scoop, pour, and place these items into the activity table. They'll love "making a mess" as they prepare their own sensory exploration!

2. Explore Your Senses

Let children stage their own open-ended exploration of the materials in the sensory bin. Watch them explore new textures, sights, and smells, as they use scoops and buckets for an engaging hands-on sensory experience.

More to Do: For more sensory fun, incorporate nature-inspired loose parts like leaves and pinecones into the Fall Sensory Bin for more learning.

