

## Sorting Cutlery

**Purpose:** is to identify the different types of cutlery and sort them appropriately. While the child completes this activity they are developing their fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, and visual discrimination.

**Directions:** For this activity, the child will place the material on the table and start by unrolling a mat and placing the basket of cutlery on the left of the mat with the cutlery tray on the right. The child then removes a piece of cutlery from the basket, examines it, and places it into the left compartment of the cutlery tray. The child then selects another piece of cutlery from the basket, examines it, holds it close to the first piece of cutlery and compares the two. If it is the same as the first piece they then place it into the same compartment. If it is not the same, they then place it into the next compartment. They then repeat with the remaining cutlery.

**Extensions:** The child can sort additional cutlery such as; soup spoons, salad forks, butter knives, etc. into a cutlery tray with more compartments. You can also invite the child to sort cutlery into different types of cutlery holders.

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