

Object Permanence Box

Usage Instructions · 0–1 yrs · Sensorial · Infant

Why this material matters

Objects continue to exist even when they can no longer be seen. Presenting it thoughtfully is what turns a beautiful object into a developmental experience.

Prepare the Environment

- Present the material on a clean tray or mat, at child height.
- Sit slightly behind or beside the child — never opposite. This aligns your gaze with theirs.
- Have all pieces in place before you invite the child. Interruptions break concentration.

Present the Material

- Slow your movements to roughly half normal speed. Children read pace as importance.
- Use as few words as possible. Let the hands teach.
- Isolate the concept — introduce only one new idea per session.
- Complete a full cycle: get, use, restore. Return the material to its home together.

Observe Before You Intervene

- Watch quietly for at least 3 minutes before intervening.
- Note which parts absorb them and which frustrate them — adjust future presentations, not the current one.
- Resist correcting mistakes in the moment. Re-present at a later session instead.

Language & Encouragement

- Name what the child is doing, not how well: ‘You are pouring slowly.’
- Avoid praise like ‘good job.’ Prefer specific acknowledgement: ‘You filled both cups to the same line.’
- Introduce vocabulary using the three-period lesson: this is / show me / what is this?

Care & Rotation

- Store the material on an open, uncluttered shelf.
- Rotate materials in and out of view every 2–3 weeks to sustain interest.
- Repair or retire any piece that becomes unsafe. Model respect for the tools of learning.

This material specifically

Ball & Return. Sit baby comfortably. Slowly drop the ball into the hole. Pause, then reveal it in the tray. Repeat with soft narration: ‘Where did it go? ... There it is!’

Guided Grasp. Place the ball into baby's hand. Gently guide their hand over the hole and help them release. Celebrate the reappearance.

Safety Notes

All Destined Hub materials are non-toxic and finished with water-based, food-safe sealants. Always supervise children under three with any small-part material. Retire any piece that becomes cracked or splintered.