

Brush and Comb Sort and Assembly

This task introduces reach-grasp-retrieval, appropriate placement of objects, and basic discriminations skills.



Materials

- 18 brushes in 3 colors
- 18 combs in 3 colors
- 1 blue single-compartment bin
- 1 red storage bin, divided



Setup

The standard task setup is for a 2-item sort using all the combs and brushes. Place the blue bin with the combs and brushes on the left and divided red storage bin on the right. Model the sorting procedure by placing a comb in the left compartment of the divided bin and a brush in the right compartment. Leave these pieces in the bin as a sorting guide.

Procedure

Take the brushes and combs from the single-compartment bin and sort them into the divided bin, following the model. (The divided bin can be placed on a chair or on the floor so the worker can easily drop items into the bin.)

Note

The relevance of color and the distinctions between combs and brushes affect the difficulty level of this task. Many variations are possible (see below). For some workers, the task may be easier if the pieces to be sorted are laid out on the work surface rather than placed in the blue bin.

Variations

- Put three brushes of the same color on the work surface and a brush of the same color in the bin. The worker practices basic "take and place" motions by placing each brush in the bin.
- Using all the brushes of two colors, sort them into the divided bin by color.
- Using brushes and combs of one color, sort them into the divided bin by item type, brush or comb.
- Using brushes and combs of two colors, sort them into the divided bin by color.
- Using all the brushes and combs, sort them into separate sets on the work surface, with each set being a comb and brush of the same color.

Notes

- Sorting tasks are not timed so there are no norms.
- The only quality criteria is accuracy.
- There are no disassembly instructions.