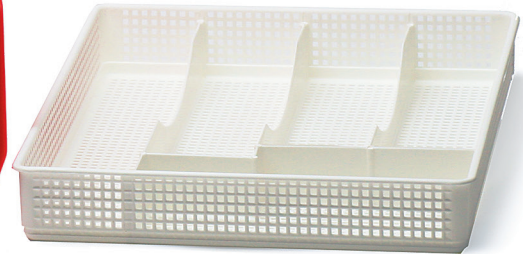




# Spoon Sort

*This is a basic sort of spoons by shape.*



## Materials

- 12 teaspoons
- 12 soup spoons
- 12 tablespoons
- 12 wood spoons - long
- 12 wood spoons - short
- 2 cutlery trays (one shown)
- 1 large red bin

## Setup

The standard task is a 5-item sort using 6 of each type of spoon. Place the large red bin on the left, containing 6 of each type of spoon. Place one cutlery tray to the right. Model the sorting procedure by placing several spoons of each type in the appropriate compartments. Return the spoons to the bin, leaving one spoon of each type as a sorting guide.

## Procedure

Take the spoons from the bin and sort them into compartments in the cutlery tray that contain matching spoons. Each cutlery tray compartment holds 6 spoons.

## Variations

- Match spoons on the table, starting with 2 very different types of spoons (e.g., teaspoon and long wood spoon), then 2 other similar types of spoons (e.g., teaspoon and tablespoon).
- Match spoons on the table using 3 or more types of spoons.
- Set up the model and have the worker sort only one of each type of spoon.
- For a complex variation, use all of the spoons and both cutlery trays. Require the worker to fill one tray as in the standard task, but without model pieces in the second tray.

## Notes

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

