

Fun Spring Gardening Sensory Bin for Preschoolers

It all started with a book I fell in love with, and some carrots I found in the dollar section of Target. In fact, when I found the carrots, there were only 6 left.

And I cheered. Thank goodness my husband gets this. Well, he's used to it, since I've been teaching for over 17 years. You'd have thought I had won the lottery.

But seriously, I knew that I now had everything I needed for a fun spring gardening sensory bin for our preschoolers! I knew they'd love it, and I was right.



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So it all started with a book I fell in love with, and some carrots in the dollar section of Target. And yes I did take a photo of them! I had to share with my pals on [Instagram](#)! (Cheers to the 268 friends who liked and commented on it. They get it!)



What we used:

- Coffee beans
- Letter tiles (came from some game years ago)
- Tongs
- [Silicon garden pots](#) (you guys – these are the best! I

bought mine at a local grocery store, but am giving you a link so you can see them)

- Kids garden gloves

I tossed everything into our sensory bin before the children arrived. I had my cherished book waiting to be read.



During our [morning meeting](#) I read [Too Many Carrots](#). I love tying books in with our activities, by the way, and am doing even more the longer I teach. It just seems to bring our activities to life, and our preschoolers want to look at the book over and over again.

Once it was [free-choice centers time](#), the lid came off our sensory bin, and the children dove right in.



Pouring is always the first thing our toddlers and preschoolers want to do with any sensory bin we have. I will be honest – I've seen some really cute sensory bins on Pinterest, and I've tried some, but if our kiddos can't scoop and pour, they aren't near as in love with it.

I'm good with that, since scooping and pouring [strengthen those hands and fingers!](#)



I also pay attention to texture when assembling sensory bins. Our sensory seeking children especially love to feel all the textures that are available.



Then, they started counting my beloved Target dollar carrots!



And then, the tongs got involved.



And one little guy impressed me with how many carrots he could fit on one tong.



So there you have it! A fun spring gardening sensory bin for preschoolers that involved one of my favorite new books and those cute carrots from Target. At the end of the week I will pack it all up and save for next spring! (Do you all do this, too?)

Bonus! Printable books and activities!



In the bundle, you'll find printable books and activities for the following topics and mini-themes:

- Seeds
- Plants
- Flowers
- Gardens
- Vegetables

The files will be sent directly to your e-mail, where you can download and save to your computer to print and use anytime you'd like!

To see more of what's in this amazing pack, check out this link: [Spring Theme Pack](#)



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