

Beans & Tweezers

Activity 5

Level: Medium

Purpose:

- Separation of the two sides of the hand

Materials:

- Beans - 20 to 25 dried kidney beans
- Tweezers or toaster tongs
- Small plastic cups
- Clock, timer (optional)

Directions:

The tweezers are held with the thumb and first two fingers of one hand. Hold the cup with the thumb, index and middle fingers of the other hand. From a pile of beans, pick up one bean at a time with the tweezers, and drop it into the cup.

Tips:

1. Increase difficulty by seeing how many beans you can get in the cup in 5 minutes!.
2. Increase difficulty by using smaller tweezers and smaller beans.

To Make Tweezers:

Drill a small hole 1" down and centered in two tongue depressors. Place a $\frac{1}{2}$ " wooden bead between the two depressors. Use a nut and $\frac{3}{4}$ " bolt to attach.

