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Tactile Comparison Bags

It is important for little hands of kiddos who have visual impairments to learn how to decipher similarities and differences between objects. Do these feel the same? Are they the same size? Shape? Color? What about weight? Which one is heavier? Which one is smooth and which one is rough?

One fun way to help teach this skill is to make comparison bags, with several pairs of identical items. A drawstring fabric bag is perfect for this, but even a paper sack will work!

For older kids, have them reach into the bag and pull out an object, and then have them reach back in and try to find the matching object.

For younger kids, you might need to do the reaching in for them, but then you can introduce their hands to the objects along with its match.

Be sure to use the words “same” and “different”. Talk about shapes, textures, sizes, etc.

Examples of objects:

- Small carpet squares
- Balls
- Large bolts
- Building blocks
- Spoons
- Plastic Eggs
- Wooden beads
- Plastic links
- Rocks (find two matching)
- Textured ribbon pieces
- Pom Poms

