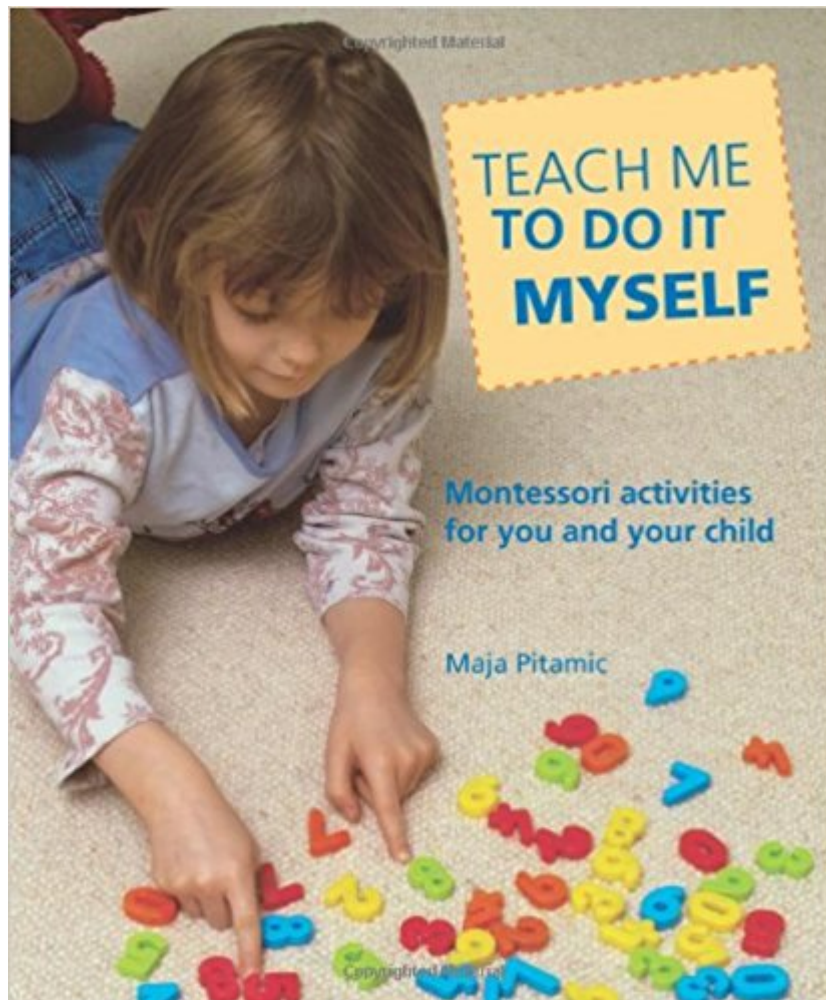




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# Teach Me To Do It Myself: Montessori Activities For You And Your Child



## Synopsis

Based on the key Montessori principle that children learn best through active experience, *Teach Me to Do It Myself* presents simple activities through which children explore and develop their skills. These skill areas include sensory perceptions, body coordination, language, understanding of numbers, and movement. This practical, color-illustrated parenting book is filled with activities and instructions for overseeing children as they carry out a variety of learning activities. Most activities will seem simple to parents, because once mastered, adults perform them automatically. However, toddlers experience a sense of accomplishment and self-worth when they learn to perform them independently. The many activities start with dressing and personal hygiene, then go on to include . . . Pouring activities Threading and sewing activities Peg activities Cutting with scissors Sorting activities by touch A color matching game Making musical scales with bottles and water Using alphabet tiles to make words Growing things in a window box Making finger puppets Activities are described in detail and include checklists of needed items, as well as variations and related activities for children to try.

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## Customer Reviews

back cover Based on key Montessori principles of learning through experience, *TEACH ME TO DO IT MYSELF* features simple activities to explore with your child and develop his or her senses, coordination, language skills, number sense, and science interests. This fun and practical activity book will guide you as you work and play with your child. Montessori principles focus on teaching children essential life skills and giving them a greater understanding of the world around them. front

flap When quality time is in short supply, you need a practical workbook that helps you give your child the best possible start. TEACH ME TO DO IT MYSELF is exactly that, an essential workbook with step-by-step play routines and work exercises that you and your child can enjoy together, and that enables your child to develop an early set of life skills. A multitude of activities is covered, from learning to button a shirt, to starting to grasp numerals and develop simple sentences. All activities are presented with guidelines and suggestions that progress in terms of difficulty. The activities are simple and especially framed for parents with no specialized knowledge, guiding them to work and play confidently with their children. Projects are based on the Montessori philosophy, and are focused for children between two and five years old. The activities are not expensive or overly time-consuming. Divided into five chapters, the book opens with life skills and then introduces language, number sense, and science skills. TEACH ME TO DO IT MYSELF provides a unique opportunity for you to gain that important insight into your child's needs and involve yourself in the development of your child's coordination, awareness, and self-esteem.

back flap Maja Pitamic has over 15 years' experience teaching children of varying ages and backgrounds. She has a degree in Art History and Montessori Teacher Training, and her specialization is in Early Years teaching. She has worked with children who have special educational needs, developing their skills through dance, movement, games, and gymnastics. It is through her association with the parents of her students that Maja has realized the demand for a practical play- and workbook for parents and their children.

Excellent ideas!

Just a note, the author makes sure to point out that she is more capturing the "spirit" of Montessori, rather than following the letter of Montessori. So, you might want to consider that before purchasing this book. However, I really like the lay out of this book. The sections are divided nicely and each one has a lot of different activity ideas to do at home with your child. On each page, she also gives you more variations of the same activity to adjust as your child's abilities increase. This is very useful. She also gives a detailed list of things you need for each activity. I have a two year old son, and I am looking forward to implementing some new activities in to our daily routine. I was a preschool teacher before having my son, and I know from the children that I taught there, and my experience as a mother, children learn best by doing, and get excited about learning useful things. I love Montessori's philosophy on teaching children.

Montessori is all new to me and I wanted a beginners book. Something that would start me at a really great spot for my three year old. She has wonderful ideas and explains things so clearly. I am very happy with this purchase

I really like this book. I homeschool & part of the reason I do is to have the extra time to teach my young ones how to do for themselves & gain independence. This book has some great ideas for kids age 2 to maybe 6. Sometimes you want to help your child learn how to do something for themselves but just aren't quite sure how to help them master it. Or you have some hands on learners. This book addresses both. Recommended.

I would recommend this book for anyone who's perhaps looking to assist their children with a transition to preschool or Kindergarten, as many of the activities would be beneficial to that age range. Some of the activities feel a bit redundant if your child is older (e.g. hand washing), however I don't fully discount this, because you can still teach a child who may know how to wash their hands the importance of using a nail brush and cleaning their nails better, for example.

I really wanted to start using Montessori activities with my 2 and 3 year old but I was overwhelmed by it all, not sure where to begin and what ridiculously expensive manipulatives to buy first. This book tells you what you need(all pretty much found around the house), how to present it to your kid, what to say and how to expand. Organized and clear. Love it.

As a retired Montessori teacher, I was looking for a book that would be a good resource for my grandchild who is not attending a Montessori school. I was making Montessori works for him to do, but due to distance, I looked for a book that was easy to comprehend without Montessori training. This manual has things his parents could find at home to mirror the Montessori experience. This is the book I recommend for anyone looking to add the Montessori experience to their life and enrich their child's learning.

Loved how true it stayed to the Montessori principles. So many simple and easy to apply activity ideas. A great gift to give other moms in your life

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