

# The Sequence & Order of Sensorial Materials

*in the Children's House (Ages 3 to 6)*

By 2 ½ to 3, the child has a rich history of sensorial impressions of the world. The sensorial material does not give the child new impressions, it is meant to aid the child in classifying and defining the impressions she has already received. The materials will help the child sort out these impressions—to classify and clarify the knowledge and motor skills the child already possesses. The materials are built to meet the child's needs to clarify and classify because they are:

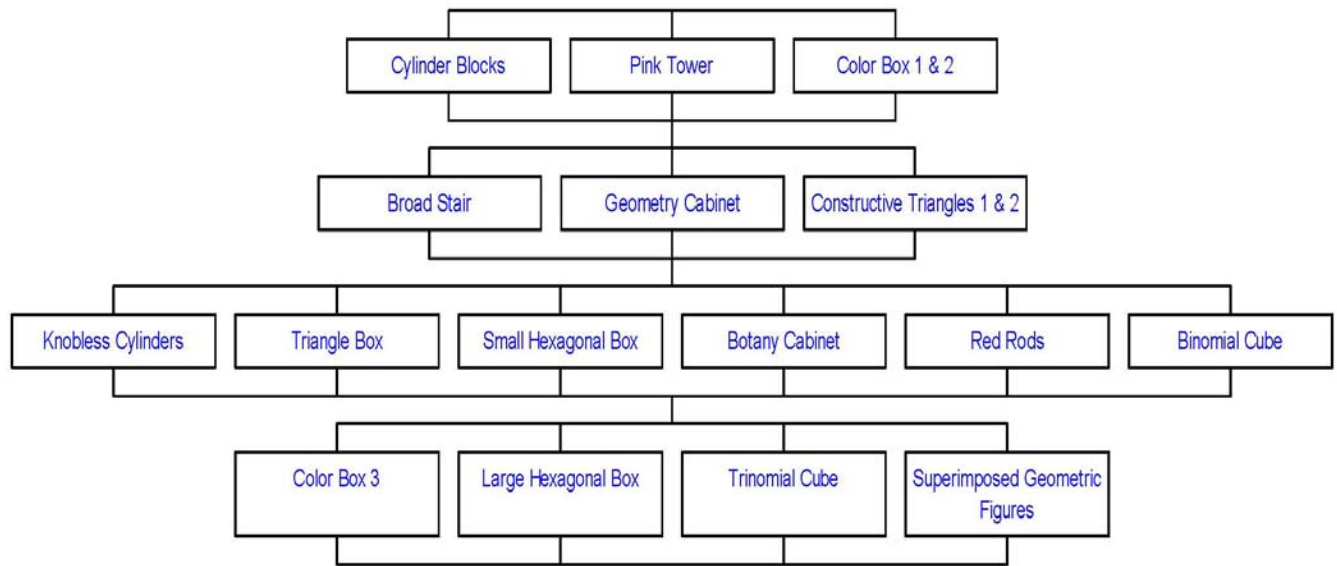
- Systematic
- Logical
- Sequential

The practical life area is a prerequisite for the sensorial materials. It is through practical life that the child will achieve refinement of gross and small muscular movement and the internalization of the innate order of the Montessori materials.

The materials should be arranged either in order by sense and approximate age of presentation or in order by approximate age of presentation. A list of the materials for each sense in approximate age order is provided below.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Visual</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Cylinder Blocks</li> <li>• The Pink Tower</li> <li>• Color Box 1</li> <li>• Color Box 2</li> <li>• Broad Stair</li> <li>• Geometric Cabinet</li> <li>• Rectangular Box A</li> <li>• Rectangular Box B</li> <li>• Knobless Cylinders</li> <li>• Triangle Box</li> <li>• Small Hexagonal Box</li> <li>• Botany Cabinet</li> <li>• Red Rods</li> <li>• Binomial Cube</li> <li>• Color Box 3</li> <li>• Large Hexagonal Box</li> <li>• Trinomial Cube</li> <li>• Superimposed Geometric Figures</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Tactile</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Touch Boards</li> <li>• Touch Tablets</li> <li>• Fabrics</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Stereognostic</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mystery Bag</li> <li>• Progressive Exercises (blindfolded sorting)</li> <li>• Geometric Solids</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sound</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bells</li> <li>• Sound Cylinders</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Baric</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baric Tablets</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Taste</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tasting Jars</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Smell</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Smelling Jars</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Thermic</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thermic Bottles</li> <li>• Thermic Tablets</li> </ul>
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Order of Visual Sensorial Presentations



Order of Non-Visual Sensorial Presentations

