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Anthony Innovations, Inc.  
The New Touch Game

DISABILITY CATEGORY	RATING (1-5)
Physical	★★
Sensory	★★★★
Communicative	★★★★
Cognitive	★★★★

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Independent evaluation by National Lekotek Center

**Anthony Innovations, Inc.:** The New Touch Game

**Price:** \$21 - \$40

**Box Age Range:** 5+ years

**# of Pieces:** over 100

**Washability:** Surface Wipe

**Storability:** Bulky,

**Directions:** Pictorial, Simple,

**Play Locations:** Indoor,

**Adjustability:**

**Levels of Play:** five or more levels

**Batteries:** yes - not included

## DESCRIPTION

The New Touch Game, is unlike any game you have played! A child must use their memory, fine motor skills, touch and sensory awareness to collect figurines and their corresponding cards. It is adaptable to a particular child's skills and is easily modifiable. A child or adult spins the hub and it then lands on a card with several pictures on it. At that time the child must stick his hand into the hub and find the card's matching figurines. The hub is configured so the child is unable to see the figurines and must locate them by touch. Meanwhile friends are able to see the child's roaming hand through the lighted observation window. Those who collect the most cards and figures win!



**"I passed this game along to a fellow teacher who was working with a child who had little interest in playing games with other people beyond the computer. She said every day that he walked into her classroom he asked to play The New Touch Game! "**

*Teacher, Cumming, GA*

## APPLICATIONS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

**Physical** ★★

### Description

This toy would be challenging for a child with physical disabilities to use, particularly if they struggle with fine motor skills.

### Skills

As a child finds her pieces, fine motor skills including finger grasping, placement and exploration are developed.

Arm extension and motor planning are promoted as the child searches for her pieces.

### Play Ideas

Have your child partner with another player and define each person's role to fit individual physical strengths.

Matching abilities using visual attention, discrimination and tracking are used when locating the correct pieces with cards.

Memory skills are enhanced as children remember what pieces they are searching for to make complete sets.

## Sensory ★★★★★

### Description

This unique sensory and highly tactile game appeals to many children that often do not show interest in traditional family games.

The New Touch Game can be played at an individual's own pace or with a timer to foster successful game playing.

Simple rules and a unique experience make this game desirable for many levels of learning.

### Skills

Tactile discrimination, along with visual attention, discrimination and tracking are used when matching the correct pieces with corresponding cards.

Memory skills are enhanced as children remember what pieces they are searching for to make complete sets.

Social skills are encouraged through turn taking, often a sense of camaraderie develops and other children will help each other out by giving clues from the observation window.

### Play Ideas

Have children separate cards into categories and play with only a few categories at once.

Have children pick their own cards that they enjoy and then match to those cards. Whoever completes his cards first is the winner!

Leave the collected pieces on the cards and whoever finishes a card gets to keep the card.

If your child is learning about sea life or farm animals have them play this game and read the fun facts before they are able to pull a card, encouraging learning and making it fun!

### Adaptation Ideas

Play without the timer or use another apparatus to signal the end of the turn (i.e. sand timer), and allow each person to get a chance to pull one piece.

## Communicative ★★★★★

### Description

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### Skills

Social skills are encouraged through turn taking, often a sense of camaraderie develops and other children will help each other out by giving clues from the observation window.

Reading skills are promoted from simple words that identify the pieces to more intricate facts about them.

Memory skills are enhanced as children remember what pieces they are searching for to make complete sets.

### Play Ideas

Have your child be very comfortable with the words of the game cards and pieces you will use, to promote anxiety-free social interactions.

If your child is learning about sea life or farm animals have her play this game and read the fun facts or pictures of the cards before she is able to pull a card, encouraging learning and making it fun.

Have children separate cards into categories and play with only a few categories at once.

Have children pick their own cards that they enjoy and then match to those cards. Whoever completes his cards first is the winner.

## Cognitive ★★★★★

### Description

The New Touch Game can be played at an individual's own pace or with a timer to foster successful game playing.

Simple rules and a unique experience make this game desirable for many levels of learners.

### Skills

Matching abilities using visual attention, discrimination and tracking are used when locating the correct pieces with corresponding cards.

Reading skills are promoted from simple words that identify the pieces to more intricate facts about them.

Memory skills are enhanced as children remember what pieces they are searching for to make complete sets.

As children begin to understand that, for example, they are collecting vegetables, they begin simple classification and sorting skills that will help them throughout school and life.

Social skills are encouraged through turn taking, often a sense of camaraderie develops and other children will help each other out by giving clues from the observation window.

### Play Ideas

Have children separate cards into categories and play with only a few categories at once.

Have children pick their own cards that they enjoy and then match to those cards. Whoever completes his cards first is the winner!

Leave the collected pieces on the cards and whoever finishes a card gets to keep the card.

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## FEATURES & BENEFITS

Durable	Detailed
High Contrasting Colors	Realistic
Tactilely Stimulating	Hands On Approach to learning
Visually Stimulating	Easy to grasp/hold
Inviting Due to Uniqueness	Familiar objects/pictures
Innovative	Different shapes and/or colors
Can be used independently or with others	Self-contained
Real photographs are used	Large target area
Many accessories	Simple
High quality	Clearly written instructions
Connects/assembles securely	Incorporates fundamental learning skills

## DEVELOPMENTAL PROCESSES PROMOTED

Visual Attention	Sequential Thought
Visual Tracking	Counting/Beginning Math
Visual Processing	Visual Acuity
Memory and Recall	Categorization
Sorting and Classification	Object Recognition and Identification
Word Recognition	Attention to Detail
Early Literacy	Visual Perception
Object Permanence	Strategic Thinking
Fine Motor	Turn Taking
Imagination/Pretend Play	Patience
Problem Solving	Spatial Relationships - Over, Under, On, Off
Finger and Hand Control and Dexterity	Reaching/Arm Extension
Tactile Discrimination	Functional Finger Movement and
Precision	Exploration
Hand and Finger Grasp	Social Interaction
Motor Planning	Creativity
Self Esteem	Coordinated Movement
Matching	

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