

# Classroom Environment Ideas

*This document offers an alphabetical list of materials teachers may want to include in the Kindergarten classroom.*

Supporting Kindergarten

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Kindergarten classroom environments should be dependent on the needs of the outcomes and the children's interests. Teachers should deliberately and purposefully create a rich, engaging, and wonder-filled learning environment. Depending on the topic of inquiry, the following items are some possible materials that may be placed in an indoor or outdoor Kindergarten environment.

## ~A~

- alphabet and number sets (sandpaper to trace letters, wet sponges, sponges in the shape of the letters, wood letters)
- alphabet, number, picture, and word stencils
- animals
- antlers
- aprons
- aquarium
- architects' plans and paper
- attendance chart

## ~B~

- balls of various sizes
- balance scales
- baskets
- batteries
- beads
- bean bags

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- beans
- benches
- bicycle wheels
- birthday chart
- blocks
- booklets
- books
- bottle caps
- bottles
- bowls
- broom and dustpan
- bubble blowing materials
- bulletin boards
- buttons



- calculators
- calendar
- cardboard (scraps, tubes, etc.)
- carpet
- cash register and Canadian play money
- catalogues
- cell phones (no longer in use)
- chairs
- chalk
- chalkboard, chalk, and brushes
- chart paper
- chef hats
- chimes
- clipboard
- clothes-line or rack for drying work
- clothes-pins
- collections
- compact disc player and compact discs

- computer
- connector sets
- construction toys
- containers
- cookie sheets
- cotton balls and swabs
- crayons
- cupboards
- cushions
- cutlery
- cymbals

### ~D~

- date stamp
- day book
- detergent
- digital camera
- digital audio and video recorder
- dish cloth
- dishes
- drawing and writing tools
- dress-up clothes
- drums

### ~E~

- easel for painting
- egg cartons
- envelopes
- environmental print cards
- erasers
- flip chart and stand

### ~F~

- fabric (various colours and textures)
- fastening materials
- filing cabinet
- first-aid kit
- flannel board and felt story characters, shapes, letters, and numbers, etc.
- food colouring
- foods and ingredients
- funnels

### ~G~

- games
- geometry set
- globe
- glue (non-toxic)
- goggles
- graph paper
- guitar

### ~H~

- handbells
- hand-mixer, either electric or manual
- hats (e.g., firefighter hats, hard hats)
- hole punch
- hoops

### ~I~

- index cards
- iron filings and other magnetic materials

### ~J~

- jars, bottles
- jumping platforms

### ~L~

- leaves, small branches
- light table
- liquid detergent
- lockers
- lumber (scrap)
- lummi sticks or rhythm sticks (dowel rods work fine)

### ~M~

- magazines
- magnetic board with letters, numbers, shapes, etc.
- magnets
- magnifying glass
- mallets
- maps
- maracas
- markers
- mats
- measuring cups and spoons
- measuring tape
- microscope and slides
- mirror
- muffin tins
- music boxes

### ~N~

- nails
- name cards
- nests (bird, wasp)
- newspapers
- nut and bolt boards
- nuts and bolts

### ~O~

- order forms from magazines
- oven mitts
- overhead projector

### ~P~

- paint and paintbrushes
- paper (a variety, including experience chart, newsprint, construction paper, tissue paper, wallpaper)
- paper plates
- paper rolls from paper towels
- pasta
- pastels
- pattern cards
- peg-boards and pegs
- pencil crayons
- pens
- photos of students
- piano
- pictionary
- pictures
- pipe cleaners
- plants
- plastic tubing
- plasticine

- play dough
- pocket charts
- popcorn maker
- popsicle sticks
- posters
- pots and pans
- printer for digital camera
- prisms
- pulleys
- puppet theatre
- puppets
- puzzles

### ~R~

- recipes
- rhythm instruments
- ribbon
- rice
- road signs
- rocks
- ropes
- rug samples and scraps
- rulers (various lengths)

### ~S~

- sand table
- scissors
- scooter boards
- screws
- seeds
- sequins
- shelf/racks/tables to display books
- shells
- shovels

- sieves
- smelly items (spices, juices, etc.)
- soap
- sound cylinders
- spatula
- sponges
- spools
- spoons
- stamps and ink pads
- stapler
- steering wheels
- storage shelves
- straws
- string
- stuffed animals

### ~T~

- tambourine
- tape
- telephone (for play)
- telephone and appointment books
- terrarium
- thermometers
- tin cans
- tongue depressors
- tools (chisel, crowbar, hammers, nail puller, plane or level, saw, screw-drivers, square, straight edge, wrenches)
- touch and feel box and objects of various textures
- towels
- tree stump (for sawing wood and pounding nails)
- triangles
- tricycle

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- tubes
- tubs (for storage)

### ~U~

- utensils (wooden spoon, spatula, etc.)

### ~V~

- vice/clamps

### ~W~

- wagon
- walking beams
- wallpaper samples
- washboard
- water table
- water-wheels
- weather chart
- weights
- wheat or other grain

- wheels (small)
- whiteboard and wipe-off markers
- wind chimes
- wire
- wood
- wood scraps
- wooden spoon
- work aprons
- workbench

### ~X~

- xylophone

### ~Y~

- yarn