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Introduction

The Pumpkin Seed Counting Activity for numbers 1-10 is a hands-on resource designed to help young learners practice counting and develop their number sense.

What's Included:

- 10 orange pumpkin halves: Each pumpkin displays a number from 1 to 10 on its trunk
- **18 pumpkin seeds:** Print several copies of this page to ensure enough seeds for counting practice.

How to Use:

- **Setup:** Print and laminate all pages for durability. Cut out the pumpkins and seeds, and optionally, attach velcro to the seeds and pumpkins to keep them from moving around.
- Activity: Children will select a pumpkin, recognize the number on its trunk, and count out the matching number of pumpkin seeds. You can also use alternatives like pom poms or real pumpkin seeds for added fun. For a fine motor challenge, glue the seeds or pom poms onto clothes pegs for children to clip onto the pumpkins.

Educational Benefits:

- **Number recognition:** Helps children identify numbers 1-10 by associating them with visual representations on the pumpkins.
- **Counting skills:** Encourages accurate counting and reinforces the concept of one-to-one correspondence.
- **Fine motor development:** Strengthens hand muscles and coordination by handling small pieces like seeds, pompoms, or clothes pegs.
- **Problem-solving:** Teaches children how to connect numbers to quantities, supporting early math problem-solving skills.
- **Sensory exploration:** Optionally using real pumpkin seeds or textured alternatives adds a sensory component, enhancing the hands-on experience.

This resource offers a fun and engaging way to support number recognition, counting skills, and fine motor development! It is perfect for classroom centers, small groups, or at-home learning!

Happy Teaching:)