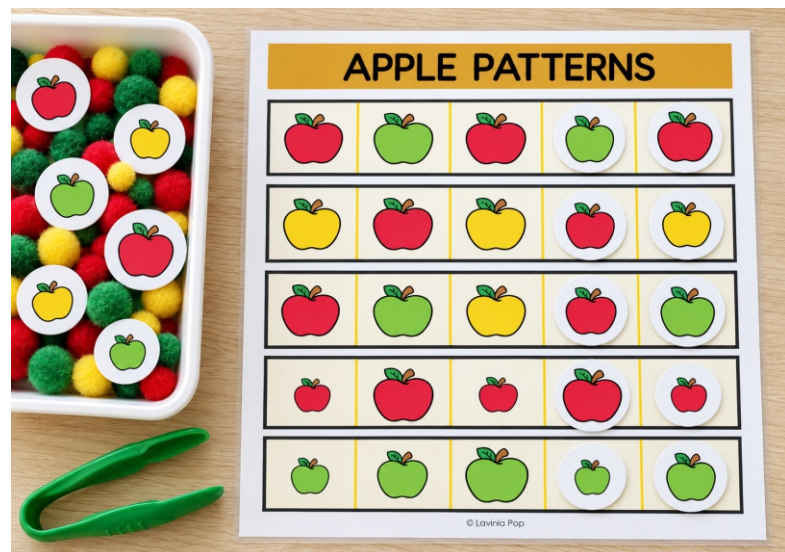
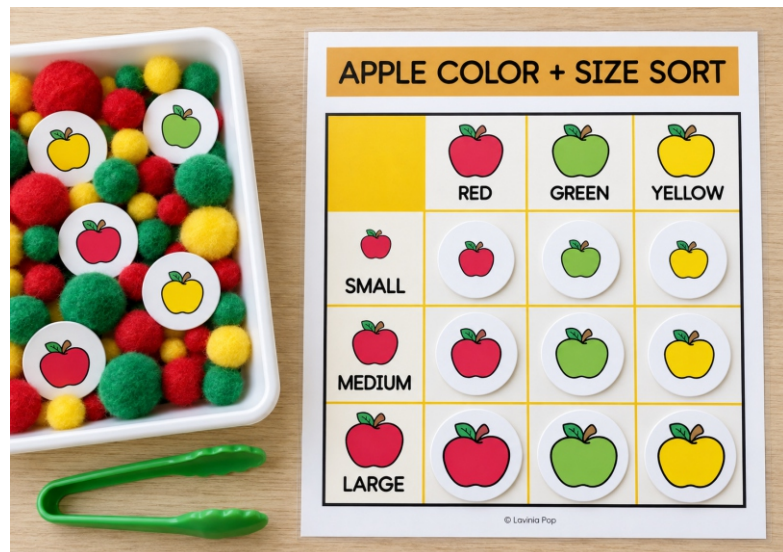
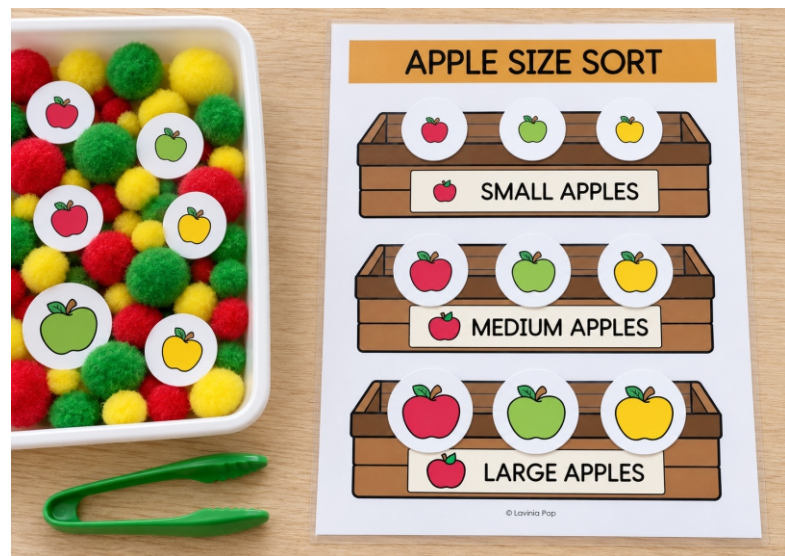
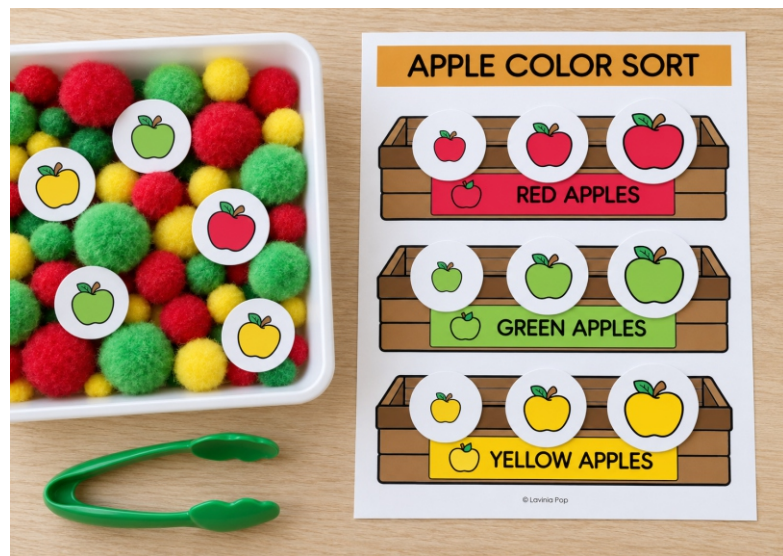


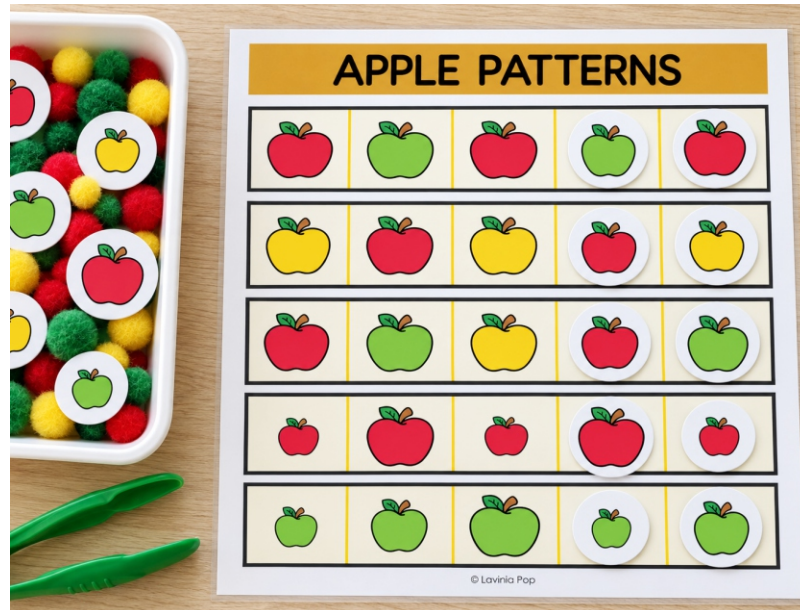
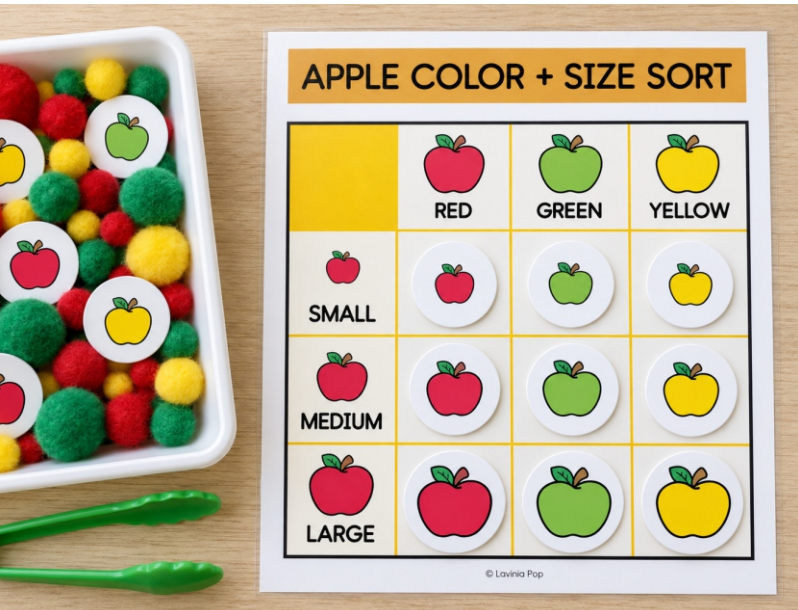
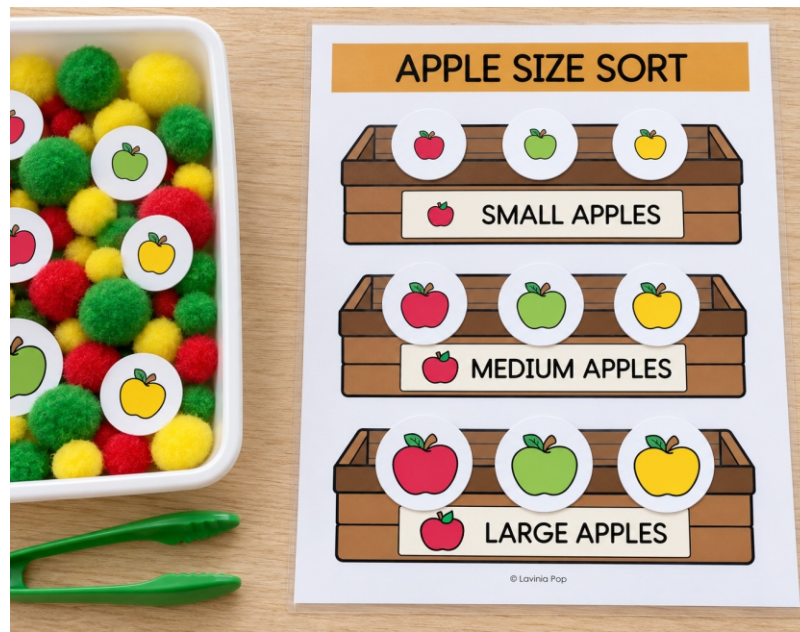
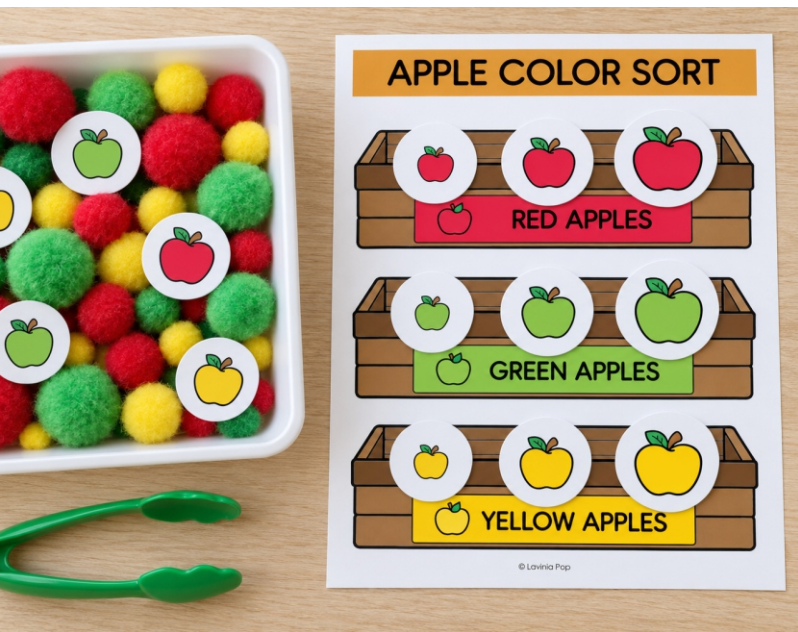
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Apple Sorting Activities

Explore colors, sizes, and patterns through playful sensory discovery! Children search for apple cards, compare their features, and use them to complete sorting and pattern mats.

These activities build early math skills while encouraging observation, descriptive language, and fine motor coordination.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 27 circular apple cards featuring red, green, and yellow apples in three sizes
- Apple Color Sort mat
- Apple Size Sort mat
- Apple Color + Size Sort mat
- Apple Patterns and Apple Pattern Challenge mats
- Teacher directions
- Visual how to play guide
- 3 additional ways to play
- Sensory bin setup and safety guide
- Storage label

HOW TO PLAY

1. Choose a sorting or pattern mat.
2. Find an apple card in the sensory bin.
3. Identify its color, size, or both.
4. Place it in the matching sorting space or use it to continue a pattern.
5. Continue sorting or completing the pattern rows. Talk about how the apples belong together.

MORE WAYS TO PLAY

- Sort It Another Way: Choose six apple cards and sort them by color. Mix them up and sort them by size. Explain how the apples in each group belong together.
- Which Apple Doesn't Belong? Set out three apple cards. Choose two that share a color or size and one that differs. Ask children to identify the apple that does not belong and explain why.

- Make and Continue a Pattern: Arrange apple cards in a repeating pattern using color or size. Invite a partner to continue it, then say the pattern aloud together.

SKILLS PRACTICED

- Recognizing and naming colors
- Comparing small, medium, and large
- Sorting by one or two attributes
- Recognizing, extending, and creating patterns
- Visual discrimination
- Describing similarities and differences
- Following visual directions
- Fine motor coordination

PERFECT FOR

- Preschool and kindergarten math centers
- Apple and fall themes
- Sensory bin activities
- Small group learning
- Morning tubs
- Homeschool activities

PREPARATION

Print the mats and apple cards on cardstock. Print extra copies of the apple cards as needed. Laminate for durability, if desired, and cut out the circular cards.

Place the cards in a shallow sensory bin with a suitable filler, leaving some partly visible. Set one activity mat beside the bin. Add optional child safe tweezers or tongs.

Begin with two colors or two sizes. Gradually introduce all three, sorting by both color and size, and the pattern challenge mat.

Adult supervision is required when using sensory fillers and small pieces.

Happy Teaching :)

Sensory Bin Setup & Safety

Sensory bins provide engaging opportunities for hands-on learning, but all materials should be selected and used with the needs of your learners in mind.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

- Print the required pages on cardstock.
- Cut out the activity pieces and laminate them for durability, if desired.
- Choose a shallow tray or sensory bin that allows children to reach the materials comfortably.
- Add a sensory filler appropriate for your learners.
- Place the printable pieces throughout the filler. Some pieces can remain partly visible to encourage searching and discovery.
- Add child-safe tweezers, tongs or scoops when appropriate.

SAFETY INFORMATION

- Adult supervision is required at all times.
- These activities include small loose parts that may present a choking hazard.
- Not intended for children under 3 years of age.
- Do not use with children who mouth classroom materials.
- Check all materials for allergies and sensory sensitivities before use.
- Choose fillers and tools that are appropriate for the age, abilities and needs of your learners.
- Inspect the materials before each use and remove any damaged pieces.
- The supervising adult is responsible for determining whether each material is suitable for the children using it.

CHOOSING A FILLER

Possible fillers include pom-poms, shredded paper, dry pasta, cereal, oats or other classroom-safe materials. Consider the age of your learners, allergies, sensory preferences and classroom policies when selecting a filler.

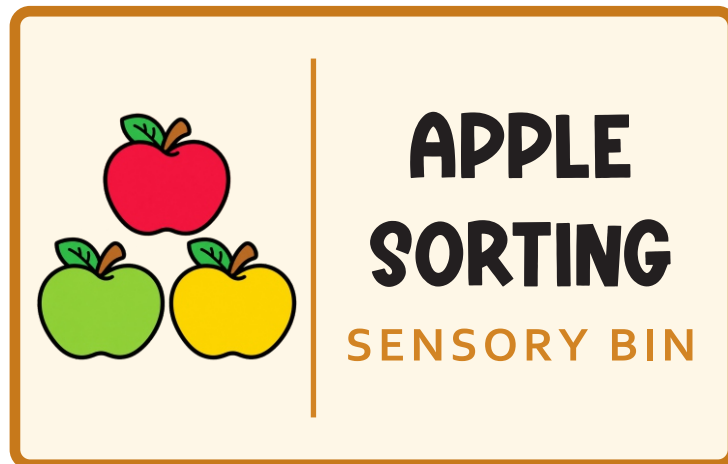
Sensory fillers, containers, tools and loose parts are not included with this printable resource.

STORAGE AND CARE

- Store each activity in a separate labeled bag or container.
- Keep all printable pieces and teacher directions together.
- Count the pieces before and after use.
- Wipe laminated pieces clean with a slightly damp cloth.
- Allow all materials to dry completely before storing them.
- Replace any pieces that become damaged, torn or difficult to clean.

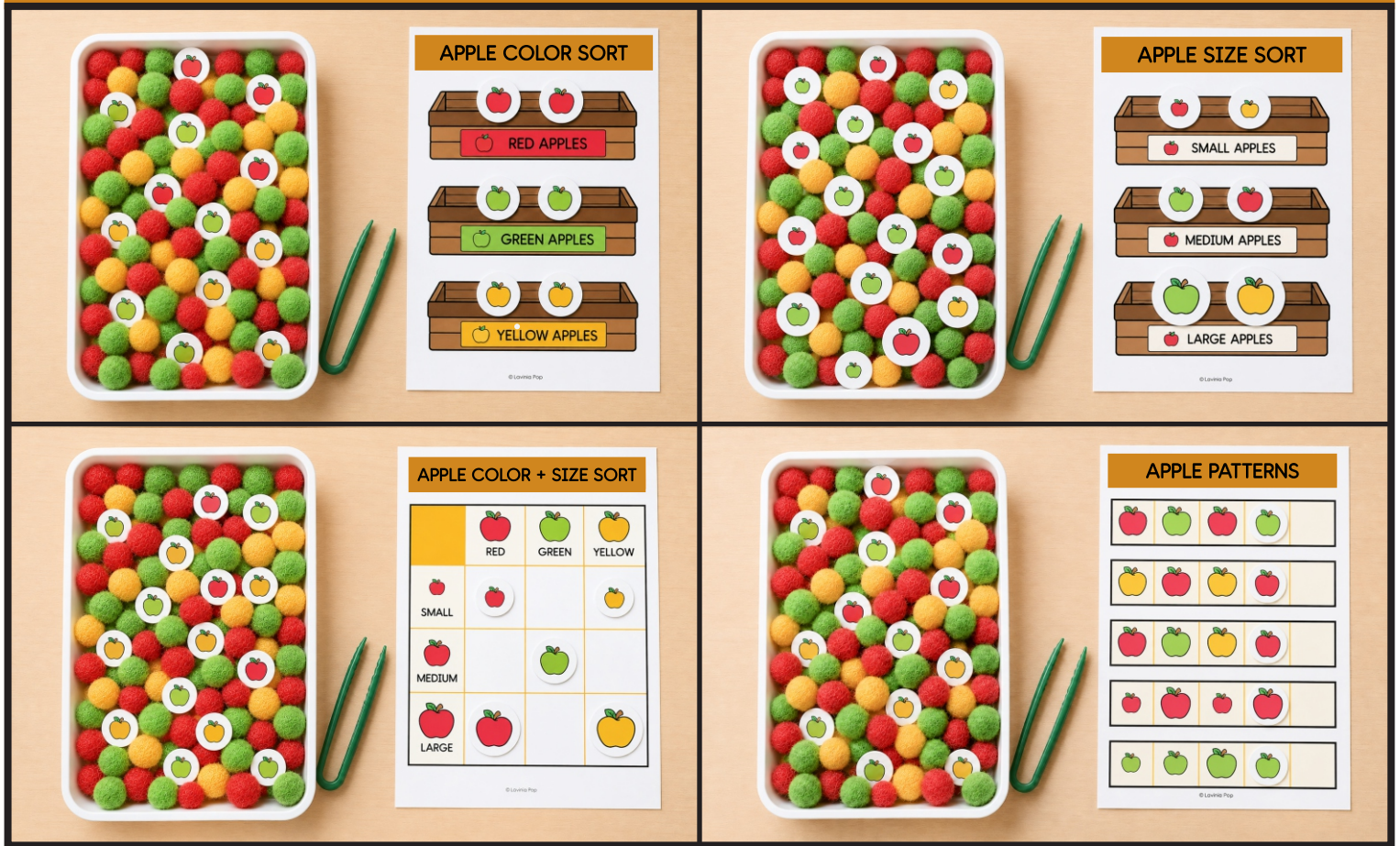
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STORAGE LABEL



APPLE SORTING

Teacher Directions



YOU WILL NEED

- Apple sorting and pattern mats
- Apple circle cards
- Sensory bin and filler
- Tweezers or tongs (optional)

HOW TO PLAY

1. Choose an activity mat.
2. Find an apple card in the sensory bin.
3. Identify its color and/or size.
4. Sort it or use it to continue the pattern.
5. Continue until the mat is complete.

PREPARATION

1. Print the mats and cards on cardstock.
2. Laminate for durability.
3. Cut out the apple circle cards.
4. Choose one activity mat.
5. Hide the cards in the sensory bin filler.

DIFFERENTIATION

Begin with two colors or two sizes. Add more choices, then introduce patterns and sorting by both color and size.

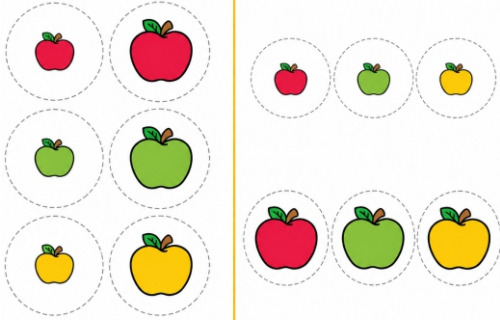
LEARNING FOCUS

Color recognition • Size comparison • Sorting and classification
• Patterning • Visual discrimination • Fine motor skills

APPLE SORTING

More Ways to Play

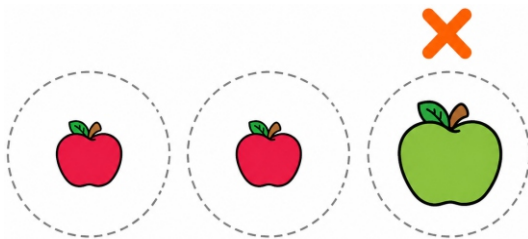
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SORT IT ANOTHER WAY

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4. Explain how the apples in each group belong together.

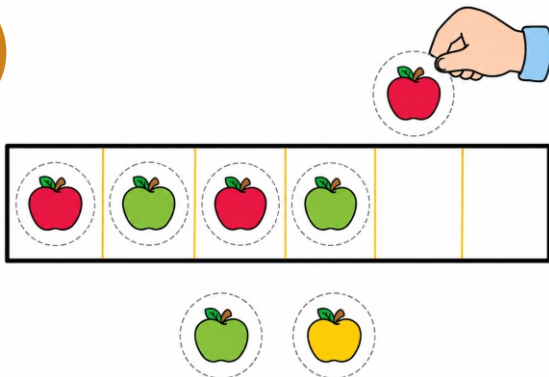
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WHICH APPLE DOESN'T BELONG?

1. Choose three apple cards.
2. Place two that match and one that is different.
3. Find the apple that does not belong. Explain why.

3



MAKE AND CONTINUE A PATTERN

1. Choose two or three types of apple cards.
2. Arrange them to begin a repeating pattern.
3. Ask a partner to continue it.
4. Say the pattern aloud to check it.

TEACHER TIP

Encourage children to describe the attribute or rule they used to sort, compare, or create a pattern.

APPLE COLOR SORT

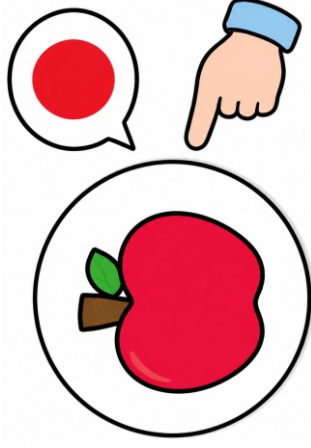
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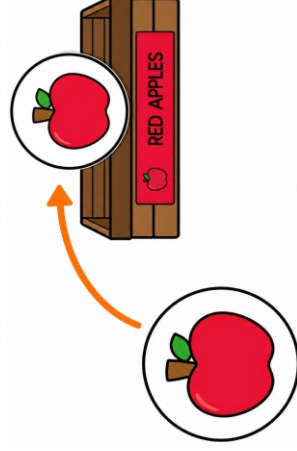
Find an apple card in the bin.

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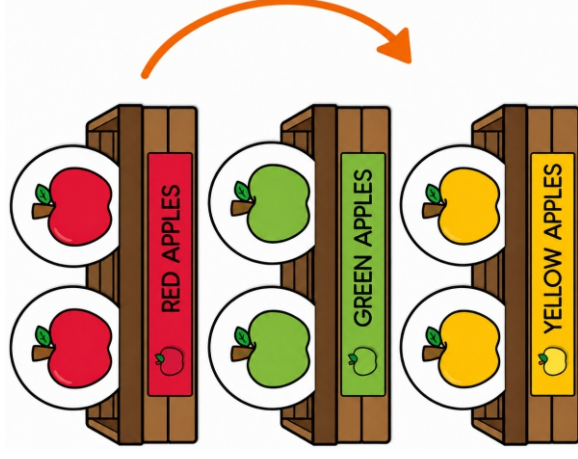
Name its color.

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Place it on the matching crate.

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Sort the remaining apples.

APPLE SIZE SORT

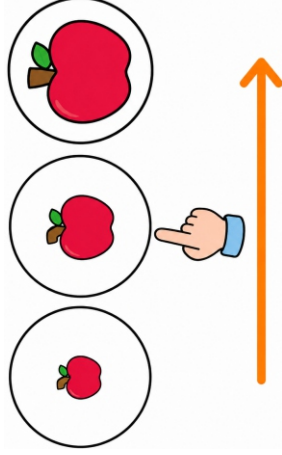
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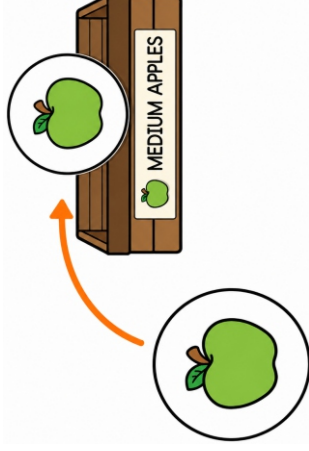
Find an apple card in the bin.

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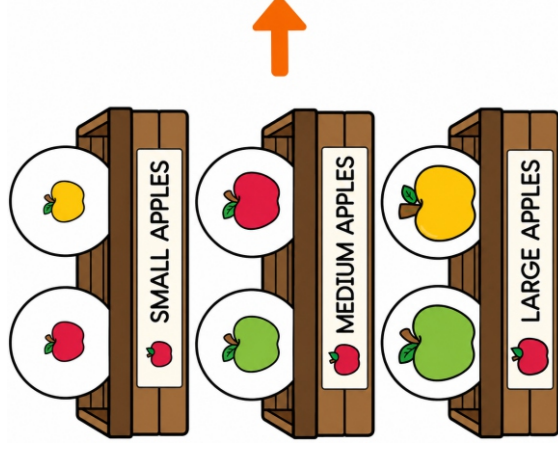
Name its size.

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Place it on the matching crate.

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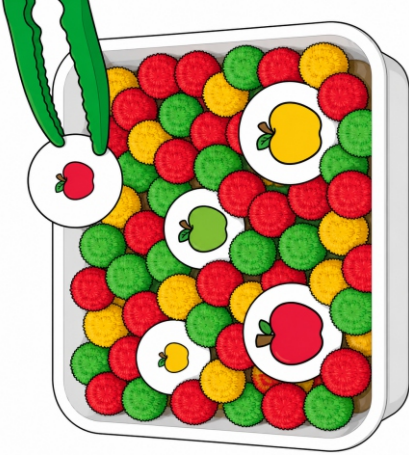


Sort the remaining apples.

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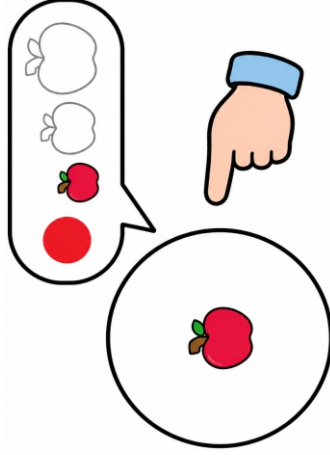
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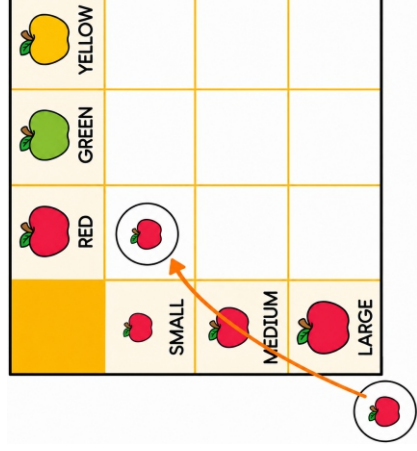
Find an apple card in the bin.

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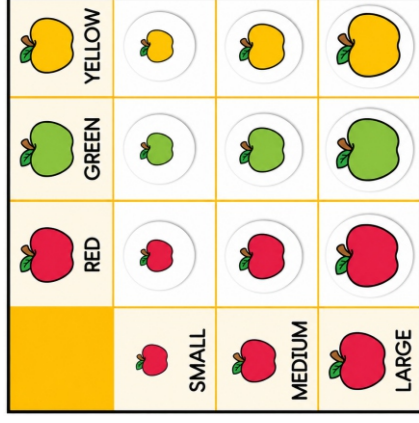
Name its color and size.

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Place it in the matching space.

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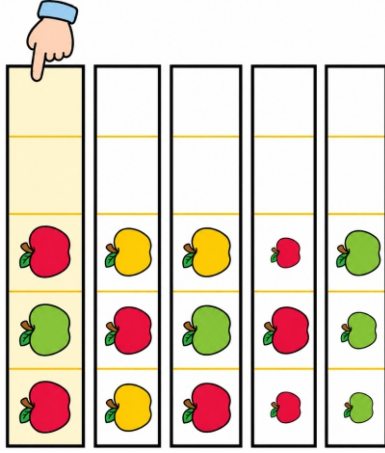


Sort the remaining apples.

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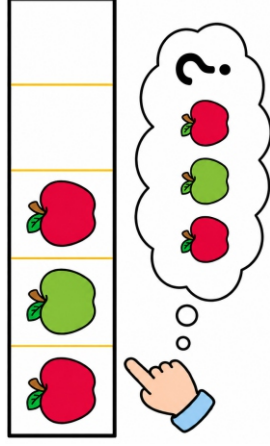
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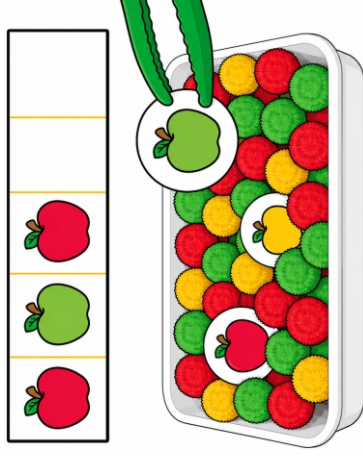
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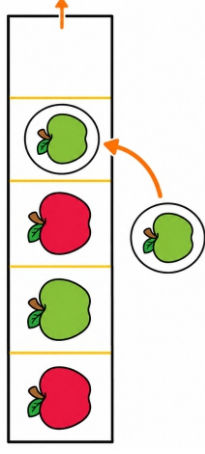
Identify the pattern.

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Find the apple card that comes next.

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Place it in the next space.