



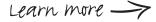
Tree Cookies inspire imaginative play, help develop body competency and promote collaboration.



Natural Tree Cookies <u>WILL</u> crack and come apart—this is to be expected!

Children gain an understanding of the life-cycle of trees—characteristics of the wood can be studied as it *naturally changes* in color, check, cracks and comes apart.

Tree Cookie pieces can further develop visual-spatial skills, language development, understanding of part to whole relationships and hands-on experience with fractions and approximation.











Using Tree Cookie pieces models a positive environmental message we don't just throw things away when they change. Every material we give to children we choose carefully and has the potential to inform their play and learning. When we add natural materials, we are showing that we value them, especially when we keep them as they change with time and use.

When your **Tree Cookies** come apart, simply sand the edges to remove splinters and rough sections if needed. If appropriate for your setting, you could involve children in this real work of caretaking of their materials.

Discover how Tree Cookies and Tree Cookie pieces enhance flexible thinking.

In the hands of a child they might become a bell, a slice of pizza, dinosaur eggs, parts of a castle, steps through a puddle, sail boats, pathway markers ... and so much more.

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