

“ARENA ESSENTIALS” TOTE BOX

SUGGESTED ITEM LIST

Below is a list of the items in my tote box that has all my core games and supporting tools for my adaptive and traditional lessons. These are items that I have pulled together after taking note of what I have usually gone to the past ten years of teaching. Even though there are only a few items as compared to some very large toy/activity cabinets I've seen at some barns, each can be used in multiple ways.

*I'm all about simplicity and affordability while keeping lessons fun, engaging,
and enhancing the riding skills being taught.*

I will sometimes buy activities that are holiday specific and try to get those items while they are on sale at craft stores, target, etc. The holiday specific or any other specialty game items are not included in this list.

Instructors are highly encouraged to customize their own Arena Essentials box based off the items they regularly use! Do you have an item you can't live without when it comes to teaching? I'd love to hear so send over an email!

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- [Rubber Number Circles](#)
- [Colored Cones](#)
- [Bean Bags](#)
- [Bean Bag, Cone, and Ring SET](#)
- [Analog Clock](#) - You may be able to find a less expensive one at Walmart or Target
- [Bright Colors Duck Brand Duct Tape](#)- This is the one thing I recommend purchasing 'name brand'. The Duck brand holds up the best as compared to dollar store or other off- brand tapes.
- [Jumbo Foam Dice](#) - You might be able to find these at the dollar store- it's hit or miss
- [Spelling Boards](#) or the [Alphabet Boards](#)
- [Chunky Shape Puzzle](#), [Chunky Transportation Puzzle](#) & [Chunky Pets Puzzle](#)- they have some other really fun ones as well! Also try asking volunteers and families to donate kids puzzles they no longer use.
- [Stacking Cups Game](#)- Throw away the bell unless you want to go crazy!
- [White Board Set](#)- You can get cheap ones at the dollar store but they need replaced often.

DOLLAR STORE ITEMS:

- **Colored Buckets**- I chose ones that had handles so I could hang them from the fence)
- **Colored Pet Food Bowls**- I use the pet food bowls because they are a little heavier and have a large base that helps to prevent them from tipping over or flying away if it gets a little windy.
- **Small Foam Balls**

ITEMS FOUND AT OTHER STORES:

- **Tote Box**- Walmart, target, frys, etc. I got a heavier weight, made for long term storage box so it would hold up longer.
- **Analog Clock**- Walmart, Target, or any other store that has home décor.
- **Alphabet Letters Pouch Hanging Activity**- I found this at Target in the little \$1, \$3 \$5 section. Something similar may be available at a teaching store.
- **Small White Board** – These do not seem to hold up as long as the ones that are a little more money. They are great for the arena though since they often get dirty, wet, etc.