

# Addition Strip Board — Memorizing Addition Facts

Base Sheet

Activity Sheet

The child uses the Montessori addition strip board to practice and begin memorizing addition facts. The strip board provides a visual, hands-on tool for seeing that  $7+5=12$  and beginning to internalize these facts for automatic recall.

## What You Need:

- Montessori addition strip board
- Red strips (1-9)
- Blue strips (1-9)
- Recording sheet or addition chart
- Pencil
- Blank addition flash cards (optional)

## Steps:

1. Present the addition strip board: a board marked 1-18 with red and blue numbered strips.  
2. This board helps us see addition and remember our facts!
3. Demonstrate: 'Let us find  $7 + 5$ . Place the red 7 strip starting at 1. Now place the blue 5 strip right after it. Where does it end? 12!'  
4. Record:  $7 + 5 = 12$ .
5. Work through a set of facts: all combinations that make 10 (1+9, 2+8, 3+7, 4+6, 5+5). These are the FRIENDS OF TEN! They are very important to remember.'
6. Practice with flash speed: 'Quick!  $4 + 6 = ?$ ' Check on the board if needed.
7. Child works through 10-15 addition facts, recording each.
8. Circle any facts the child knows instantly — these are mastered!

## Work Space:



Montessori Homeschool • Print on US Letter (8.5 x 11") • Activity sheet — print on standard paper