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**With Hop-a-Dot, students learn braille while being physically involved and active – an exciting alternative to routine, sedentary tasks!**

Hop-A-Dot Mat encourages young braille readers to acquire and demonstrate their knowledge of the braille cell configuration, braille alphabet letters, one-cell contractions, and numbers, through movement.

This product's related games and activities address many skills and concepts needed by students who are blind and visually impaired including the following:

- Social interaction skills
- Self-expression and creativity
- Physical activity
- Body awareness/coordination
- Tactile discrimination
- Spatial concepts

## Features

The Hop-A-Dot Mat is complemented by a Braille/Print Alphabet Spinner that features standard-size braille letters. The use of the spinner, in combination with Hop-A-Dot Mat activities and games, facilitates the transition from reading standard-size braille letters (with the fingertips) to using the Mat's enlarged braille cell (experienced with the whole body). A Braille/Print Number Spinner is also provided to accommodate a variety of games and activities. A Suggested Activities Guide is included.

Please visit [aph.org](http://aph.org) to order, to learn more about this product, or to find related products.



## WHAT OUR TVI FIELD TESTERS HAD TO SAY:

*“Extremely motivating and engaging.”*

*“[My student] is a tactile learner, and enjoyed a different approach to learning braille.”*

*“We put the Hop A Dot in the kindergarten classroom as a center. The sighted kids spun the spinner, the braille student read the letter tactually, then made it with the bean bags. The sighted children were able to use the braille configuration on the spinner to tell if she had done it correctly or not.”*



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