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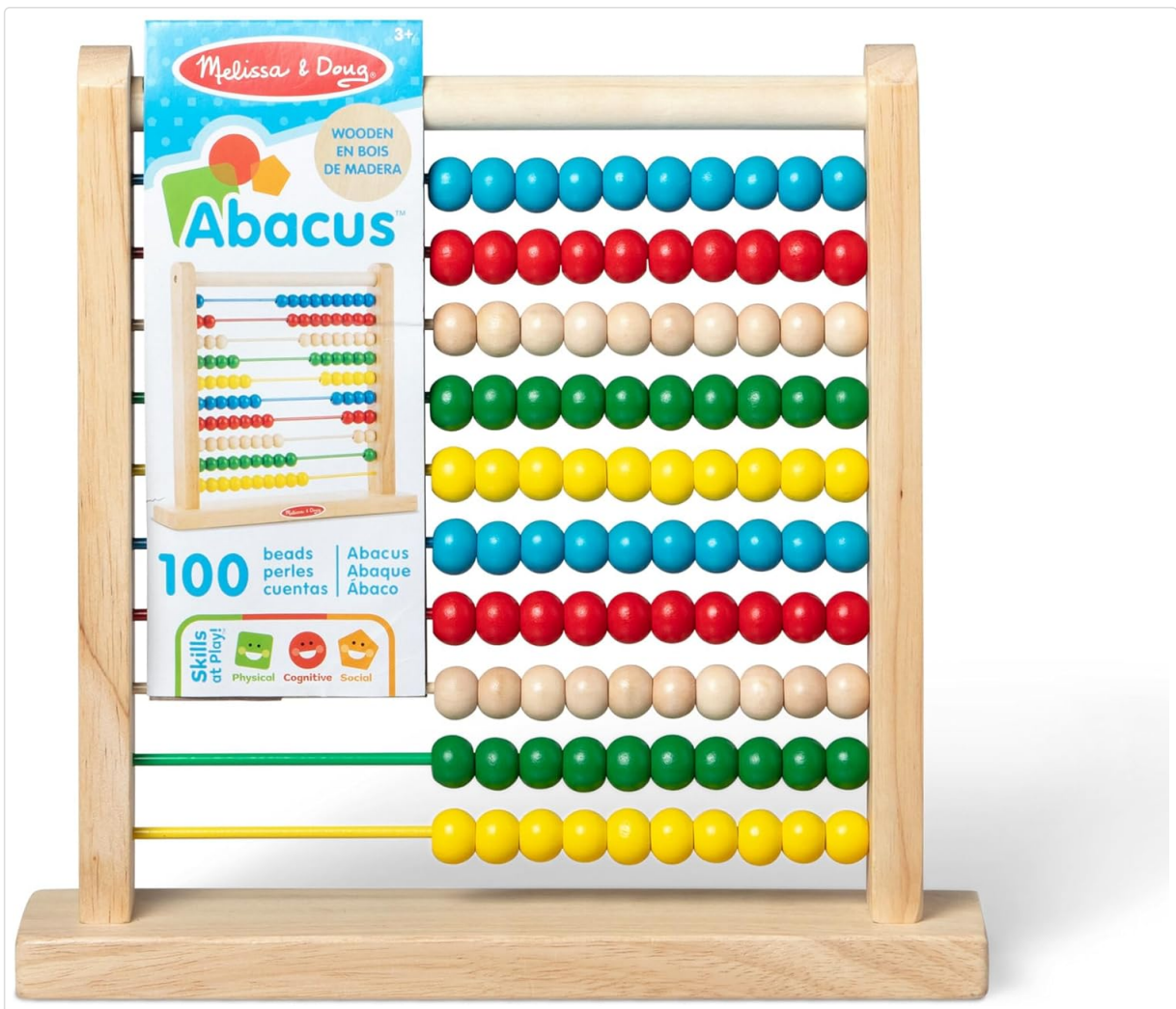
Melissa & Doug 493

Melissa & Doug Abacus - Classic Wooden Educational Counting Toy

MODEL: 493

Introduction

The Melissa & Doug Classic Wooden Abacus is a traditional educational toy designed to introduce children to numbers, counting, and basic math concepts. This sturdy wooden frame features 10 rows, each with 10 brightly colored wooden beads, totaling 100 beads. It provides a hands-on, visual learning experience for children aged 3 to 5 years.



Front view of the Melissa & Doug Classic Wooden Abacus, showcasing its colorful beads and sturdy wooden frame.

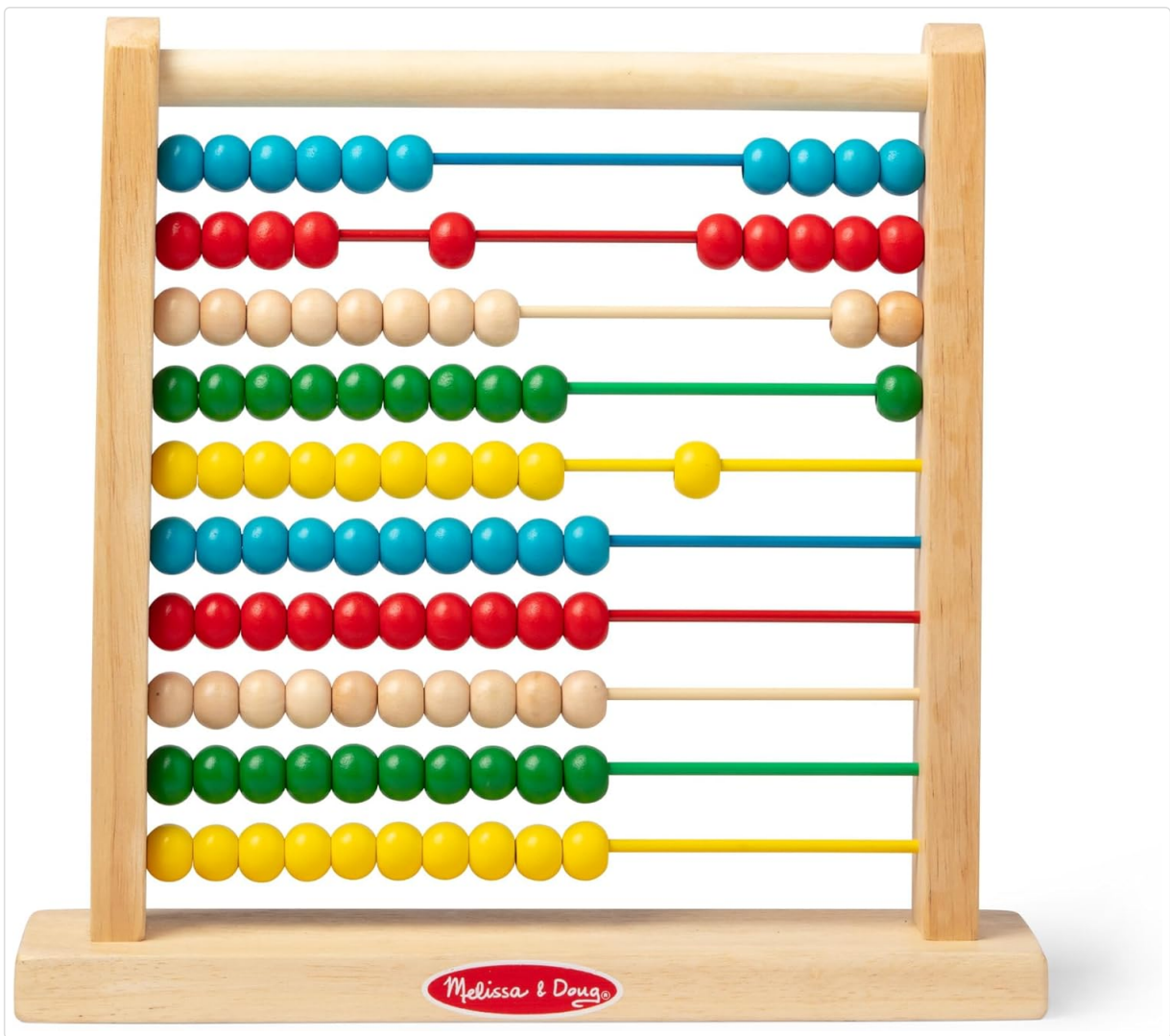
Setup

The Melissa & Doug Classic Wooden Abacus comes pre-assembled and ready for immediate use. No assembly is required.

Operating Instructions

This abacus offers multiple ways to engage children in learning and play:

- **Counting:** Slide the beads along the wires to count from 1 to 100. Each row contains 10 beads, allowing for counting in tens.
- **Number Recognition:** Ask children to identify specific numbers by sliding the corresponding quantity of beads.
- **Basic Math Concepts:** Use the beads to demonstrate addition and subtraction. For example, slide 2 beads, then slide 3 more, and count the total.
- **Pattern and Color Exploration:** The brightly colored beads (blue, red, natural, green, yellow) can be used to create patterns or sort by color.
- **Matching Activity:** Move a certain number of beads to one side of a wire and have the child match your move on the wire below.



A child engaged in sliding the colorful beads on the abacus, demonstrating interactive learning.

Skills at Play!



Fine Motor



Numbers



Colors



A close-up view of a child's hand manipulating the beads, highlighting the tactile nature of the toy.

Maintenance

To ensure the longevity of your Melissa & Doug Abacus, wipe it clean with a damp cloth as needed. Avoid using harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaners, as these may damage the wood or paint finish. Store in a dry place away from direct sunlight to prevent warping or fading.

Troubleshooting

No specific troubleshooting steps are typically required for this product due to its simple mechanical design. If beads become stiff, ensure the wires are clean and free of debris. If any part appears damaged, discontinue use and contact customer support.

Safety Information

No specific warnings are required for this product. Always supervise young children during play to ensure safe use.

Specifications

- **Product Dimensions:** 12.2 x 12.01 x 3.15 inches
- **Item Weight:** 2.11 pounds
- **Item Model Number:** 493
- **Manufacturer Recommended Age:** 36 months - 5 years
- **Material:** Wood

What's in the Box

- One (1) Abacus with 100 wooden beads



The Melissa & Doug Abacus as it appears in its packaging.

Warranty and Support

Melissa & Doug stands by the quality of their products with a "100% Happiness Guarantee." They design every toy to the highest quality standards and to nurture minds and hearts. If your child is not inspired, you are encouraged to contact Melissa & Doug customer service for assistance. The phone number is typically provided on the product packaging.

