



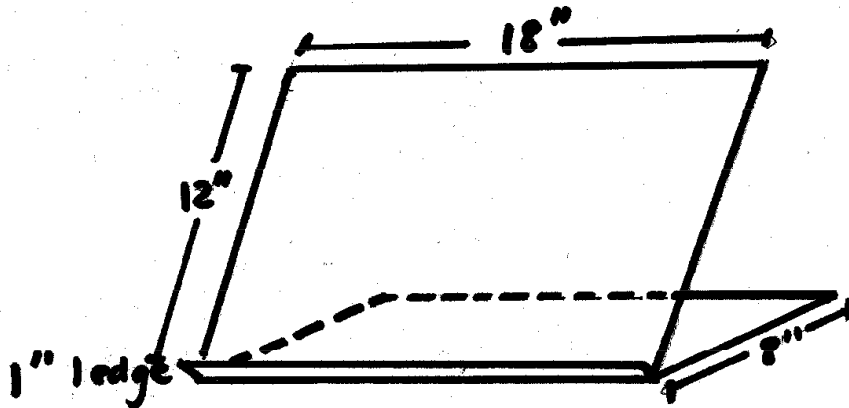
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Slant Boards

A slant board, or desktop easel, can facilitate upright sitting posture and increase a student's motivation to attend to visual materials by bringing visual information closer to the student's visual field. A slant board can be fashioned from cardboard initially to experiment with the size and the angle needed. A more durable custom model could be manufactured from wood or Plexiglas. A quick, cost effective alternative is an iPad or laptop stand. Non-slip grips should be attached to the bottom surface, or be placed on non-slip carpet underlay or Dice matting. Collaborate with your OT or PT for your student's individual needs. Some suggested dimensions are as follows:



Height:

- It would be ideal if the slant board were adjustable height, with height ranging from 2 to 12 inches in height. If it is not adjustable, then height should be measured according to your students height and arm reach.
- If you are uncertain, a height of about 8 - 10 inches is usually sufficient

Materials:

- A good strong firm material is ideal (generally not cardboard). Some type of plastic is ideal
- Ensure that the material is lightweight and easy to transport
- Be sure that the material is not 'see through' or opaque. Children with visual impairments find it difficult to see objects unless they are placed on a dark or contrasting background
- Be sure that the material used is smooth and has no rough edges
- Ideally materials should allow for some type of adhesion (e.g. if using Dycem matting to hold something in place)



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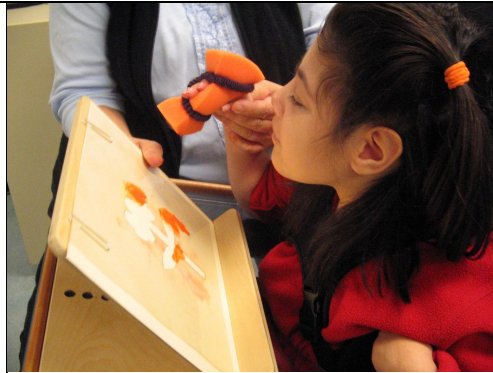
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The following are some examples of adapted slant boards:



Communication devices can be mounted.



Art projects can be mounted



Some standing frames trays can be adjusted.



Binder used as a slant board.



Styrofoam slant board during art activity.



Wheelchair trays can also be angled or created with adjustable easels that lay flat or stand up at the desired angle.