

Visual supports can assist a child to learn the steps involved in a task and in turn promote independence.

Handwashing is an activity with multiple steps that may be difficult for some children to remember and sequence. Therefore, having a visual that shows the steps of handwashing can be permanent reminder for the child and may reduce the number of verbal prompts or adult support required for the task.

How do I use it?

While supporting a child through the different steps, educators can point to the visual support while also saying the verbal cue, for instance saying “water is finished, let’s dry our hands” while pointing to each image in order. Prompts can also be reduced over time as the child becomes more confident with the steps.



TIP:

Educators should display this visual in a location where it can easily and clearly be referenced by the child and the adult such as in front of the sinks. This way, educators, and/or the child can point at each step of the process as they are working through them.

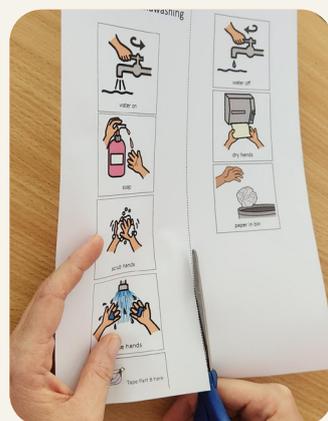
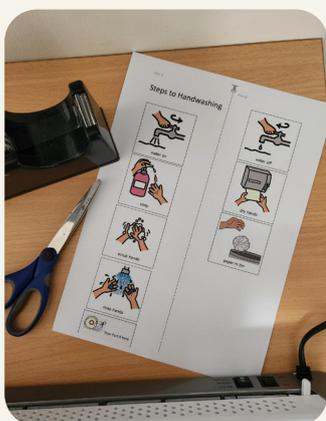
How do I make it?

Step 1: Print out the visuals.

Step 2: Cut along the marked lines to create Part A and Part B.

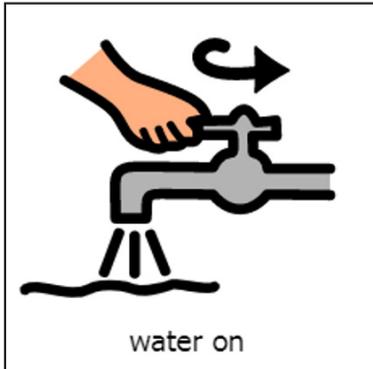
Step 3: Laminate each part.

Step 4: Attach Part A to Part B with sticky tape to create on continuous vertical visual.



PART A

STEPS TO HANDWASHING



Attach Part B here



PART B

