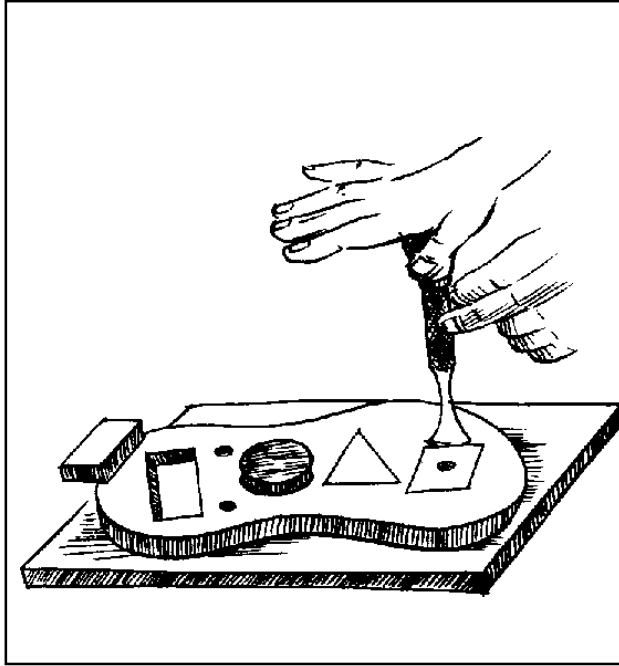


ZERO-COST INSET PUZZLES



Old rubber slippers are great for making Montessori Inset Puzzles. Take an old rubber “Hawai slipper and scrub it clean with soap. Mark out some geometric shapes on the slipper with a pen. Keep the slipper on a wooden board and cut the shapes using a shoe maker’s knife (*rampi*). Round circles are best cut by hammering a sharpened pipe on the rubber.

Rubber slippers have no sharp points so they cannot hurt children and are safe. The rubber blocks fit snugly into their slots. The inset blocks are white above and blue below. If you upturn them then the blue block stand out clearly on the white background. So, there is no need to paint them.