

## Practical Life at Home: Tool Box

- Small table and chair in the family work/main living area
- Medium-sized tray with handles on either side to carry work items to table
- Sling-shot shaped vegetable peeler
- Small strainer to wash vegetables and fruits
- Bowl and pitcher to wash/rinse items at work table (if sink/counters are too high/space limited)
- Small bucket with handle – used to wring water from towels, transfer water from work bowl at table to sink, etc.
- Small, dark colored, absorbent rags/towels for cleaning up floor spills (black washcloths/bar towels work well)
- Small sponge (regular sponge cut in half) for wiping tables and cleaning up work area/items
- Water proof work mat – clear vinyl can be bought by the yard in fabric departments, or plastic placemats work too
- Small apron – can be made easily with some ribbon and a cloth napkin or dish cloth... fold in top 2 corners to form top, and add ribbon for neck and waist
- Small dust pan and brush (I found a nice metal set at World Market for \$7)
- Child-sized broom (available from [montessoriservices.com](http://montessoriservices.com), or sometimes fireplace brooms work well)
- Garden tools/gloves (rake, shovel, etc.)
- Small dust cloths (soft flannel cut into 4x4" squares) and a soft brush for corners/crevices (a small paintbrush or eye shadow brush works well)
- Art materials limited and organized, complete with mat/apron to limit mess, sponge to cleanup – scissors should have smaller opening for thumb and larger for fingers