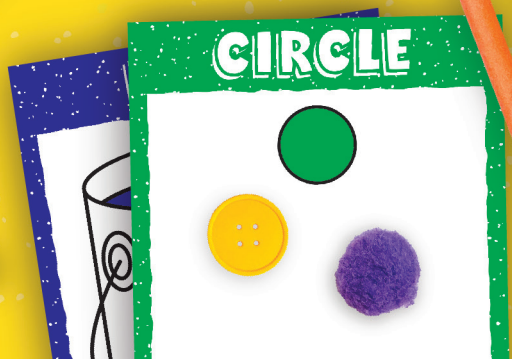
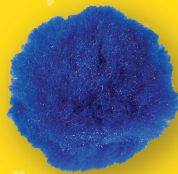


Colors & Shapes

SENSORY

ACTIVITY KIT

*Your guide to playful
problem solving &
brain-building fun!*



⚠ WARNING:

Choking Hazard - Small Parts.
Not suitable for children under 3 years.

INTRODUCTION

This Sensory Activity Kit was designed and inspired by moms for families with busy lives and busy kids. Parenting toddlers is no joke. You are doing a great job. Look at you, caring so much about your child's development, you're reading this introduction! Really, kudos to you.

We've carefully curated high quality materials and paired them with easy-to-follow guided activities that stimulate your young child's senses of touch, sight and hearing. Basically, brain-building scientific processes disguised in playful creativity.

Our goal is to help you facilitate engaging, appropriately challenging and educational fun right at home, without any epic Pinterest fails or playdough mishaps (we've all been there). With easy setups and convenient storage, you can save time, save sanity, and save screens for later.

A LITTLE MORE ABOUT US!

Doodle Hog is a collection of fun-loving, art-loving people empowering makers and creators of all ages to express themselves through hands-on play, arts and crafting.

Join our creative community on Instagram!

 [@doodlehogcrafts](https://www.instagram.com/doodlehogcrafts).

As a small business, your participation, reviews, and feedback are all an important part of our livelihood. Thank you!



WHY SENSORY PLAY?

Sensory play includes any activity that stimulates a young child's senses of touch, smell, taste, sight and hearing, as well as anything which engages movement and balance. While it may sound simple, facilitating new sensory experiences supports a child's development in so many incredible and complex ways.

A desire to participate in sensory play comes naturally to children - the more you can encourage it, the better. When your child engages their senses during play, it inspires their imagination and strengthens their ability to process information from the world around them.

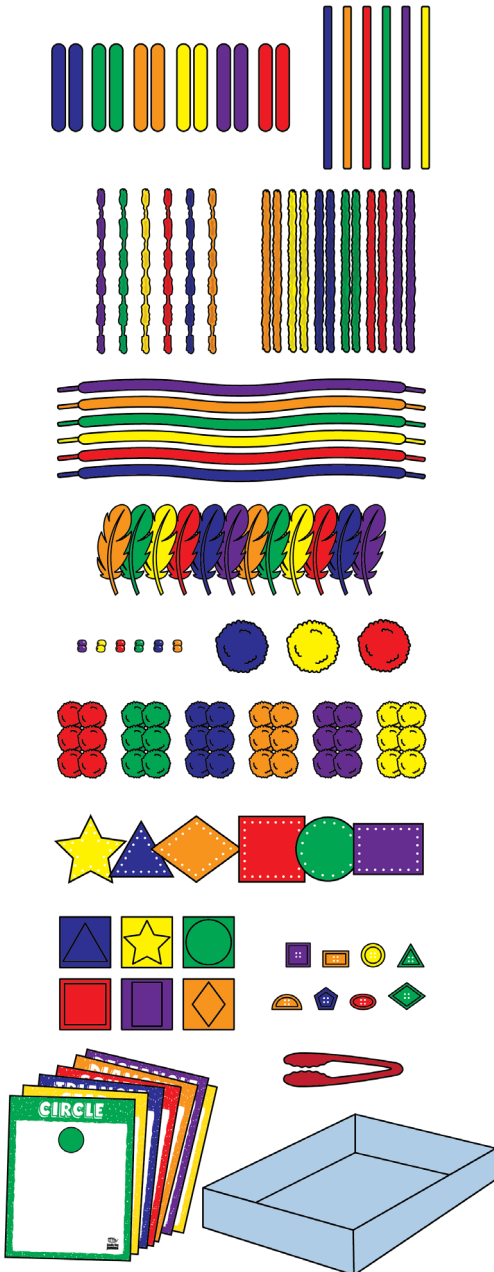
With special attention to colors and shapes, this Sensory Activity Kit encourages your child's development of motor skills, memory, reasoning, scientific thinking and problem solving. You may also witness the cultivation of your child's language development and social skills like interactions and adaptability.

This Instructions Book will guide the way for cognitive growth, curiosity, exploration and a whole lot of fun!

READY FOR MORE?

Head to **doodlehog.com** for extra inspiration. From additional sensory play, to crafting ideas and free activity worksheets, we aim to help keep you and your little ones learning, creating and loving the process.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?



- 12** Wood Craft Sticks
- 6** Straws
- 6** Wavy Pipe Cleaners
- 12** Regular Pipe Cleaners
- 6** Shoelaces
- 12** Feathers
- 12** Large Wooden Beads
- 3** Jumbo Fluffy Pom-Poms
- 36** Large Pom-Poms
- 6** Shape Threading Mats
- 6** Foam Shape Cut-Outs
- 8** Large Shape Buttons
- 7** Activity Cards
- 1** Tweezer Tool
- 1** Plastic Tray

Just Add Bin Fillers!

You and your child can really get creative here. From dry foods like pasta, rice, corn or beans to the fun textures of water beads, shredded paper, buttons, cotton balls or even (dare we say it?) dirt! The options for sensory bin fillers are endless.

Many of these small items are potential choking hazards. Adult supervision is required.

SKILL SET IDENTIFIERS



Fine Motor Skills



Memory



Color Recognition



Language Development



Problem Solving



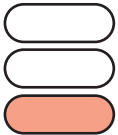
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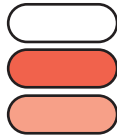
Level Up!

Activities are categorized into three groups: Color Recognition, Shape Recognition and Patterns & Problem Solving.

Within these groups, we've identified each activity with a development level so that you can help your child build up their confidence as they progress through appropriately challenging play.



Beginning



Developing

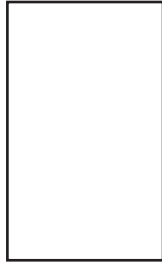


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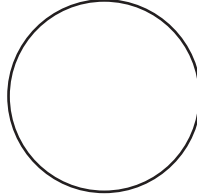
IDENTIFYING COLORS & SHAPES

Shapes

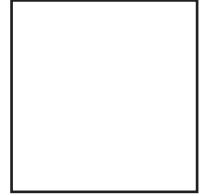
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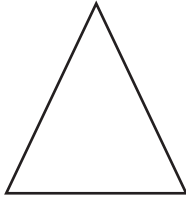
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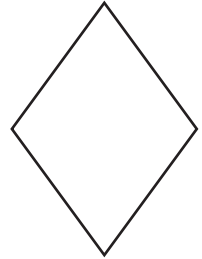
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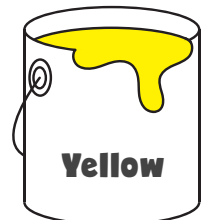
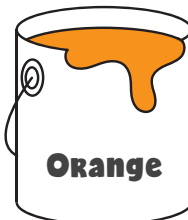
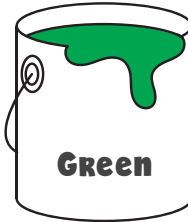
Star



Diamond



Colors

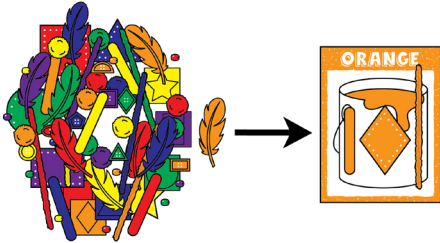


COLOR RECOGNITION

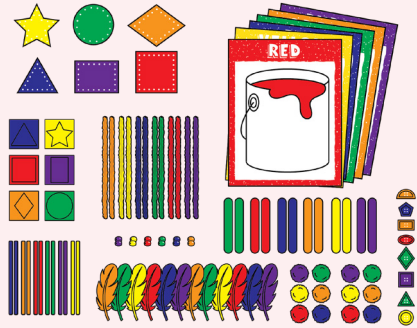
SORTING



Place all materials on the table or surface in front of your child. Ask your child to place all materials of a single color on the matching color activity card.

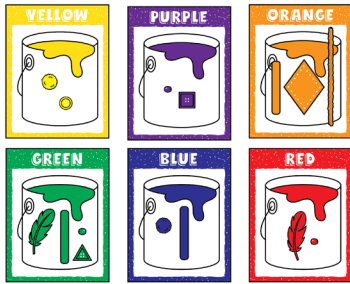


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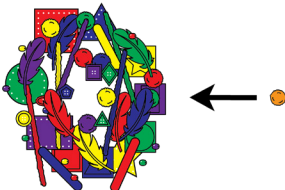


VARIATIONS

1. Place all cards down at once. Ask your child to organize all items at the same time.



2. Combine all materials for 5 of the 6 colors. Place a single item of the 6th color in the mix. Ask your child to identify which item is not like the others.

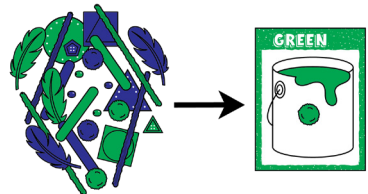


BONUS SKILL!



For added dexterity, ask your child to retrieve the items using the tweezers tool.

3. Use only two colors of materials for more targeted learning.



4. Limit the number of materials used.



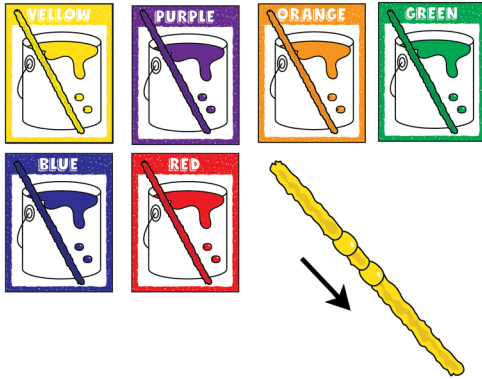
COLOR RECOGNITION

SORTING & THREADING



Ask your child to organize the pipe cleaners and wood beads onto the corresponding color activity cards.

Once sorted, ask your child to thread the wood beads onto the matching pipe cleaner.



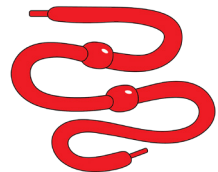
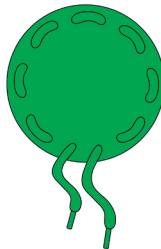
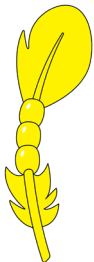
BONUS SKILL!



For added language development, ask your child to say the name of the color when placed on the activity card.

VARIATIONS

1. Replace pipe cleaners with feathers.
2. Replace pipe cleaners and wood beads with threading mats and laces.
3. Replace pipe cleaners with laces.



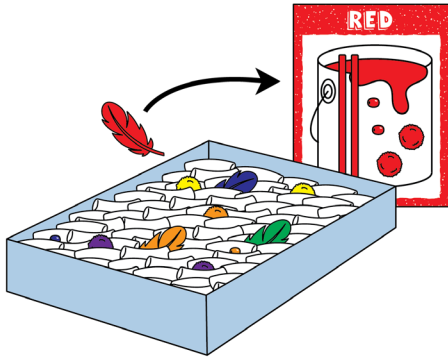
COLOR RECOGNITION

SORTING WITH BINS



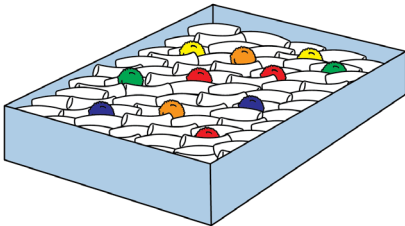
Mix different colors of beads, feathers, color straws, and pom-poms in the plastic activity tray with your bin filler of choice (see pg. 2 for suggestions).

Place one of the color activity cards on the table. Ask your child to pick out the items that match the color activity card.

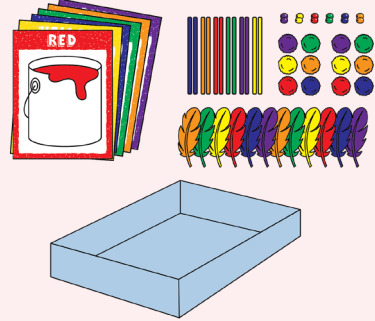


VARIATIONS

1. Place only one material in the tray.



Materials:

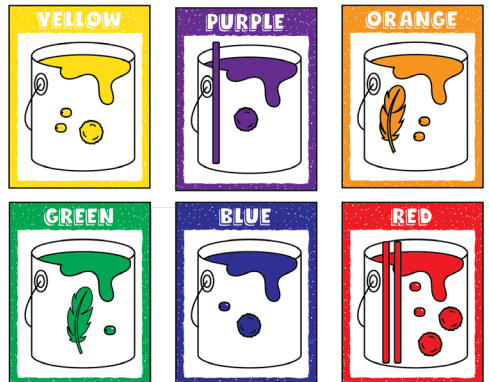


BONUS SKILL! +



For added dexterity, ask your child to retrieve the items using the tweezer tool.

2. Place all activity cards on the table. Ask your child to organize all materials at the same time.



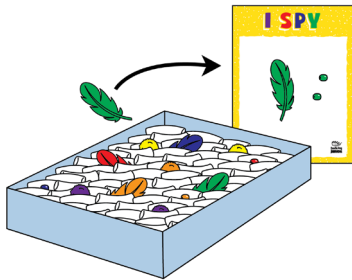
COLOR RECOGNITION

I SPY WITH BINS

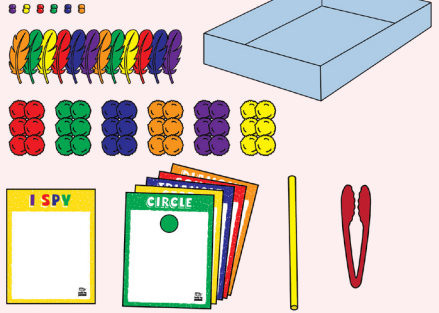


Place the beads, feathers, and poms into the plastic activity tray, cover them with your bin filler of choice (see pg. 2 for suggestions).

Call out one color to your child. Ask them to pick all items of the selected color from the activity tray and place items onto the 'I Spy' card.



Materials:

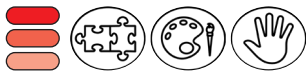


BONUS SKILL!



For added dexterity, ask your child to retrieve the items from the filler using the tweezer tool.

SORTING WITH STRAWS



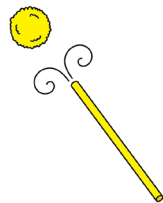
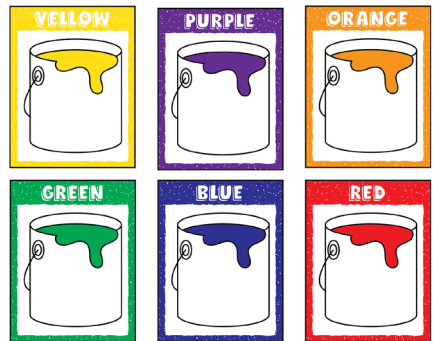
Lay the color activity cards on a table or floor. Set a large pom-pom at least 18" from the cards.

Ask your child to blow air through a straw to push the pom-pom to the matching color activity card.

BONUS SKILL!

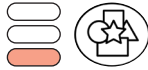


For added problem solving, place beads and feathers on the floor as obstacles and play the game along with your child to see who can complete this activity first.

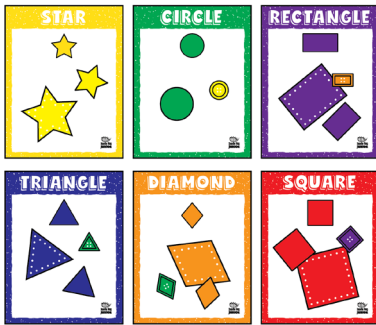


SHAPE RECOGNITION

SORTING

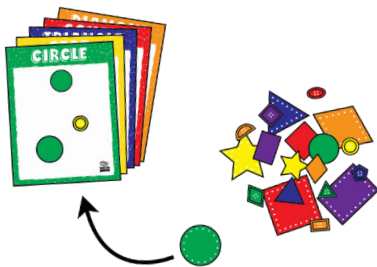


Ask your child to organize the shape buttons, foam shapes, and shape threading mats onto the matching shape activity card.



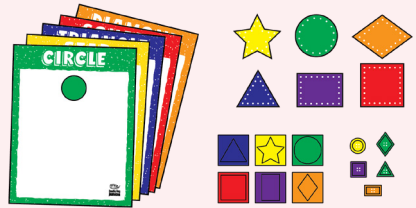
VARIATIONS

1. Place a variety of materials on the table. Ask your child to place all circle shaped materials onto the circle mat.



2. Instead of sorting all materials at once, sort one material at a time starting with the shape buttons, then the foam shapes and finally the shape threading mats.

Materials:

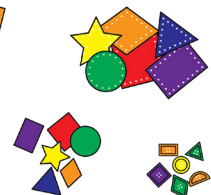


BONUS SKILL! +



For more of a challenge, time your child while they organize the pieces by shape and encourage them to beat their last time.

3. If there are two shapes that your child has a difficult time with, combine only those shapes together and choose a single shape activity card.



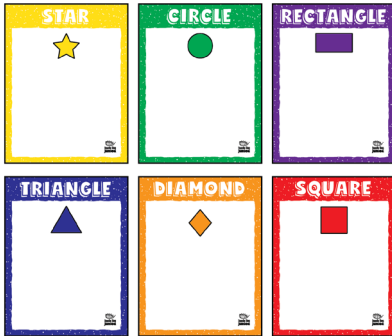
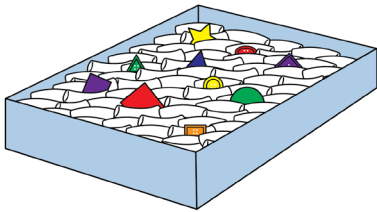
SHAPE RECOGNITION

SORTING WITH BINS

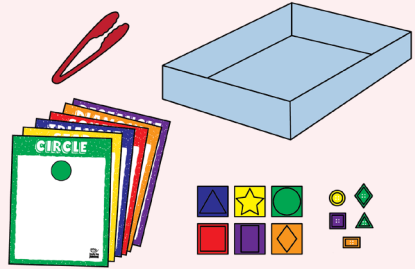


Place all the shape buttons and foam shapes into the activity tray and cover them with your bin filler of choice (see pg. 2 for suggestions).

Place each of the shape activity cards onto the table. Ask your child to pull all the items from the activity tray and place them onto the matching shape activity card.

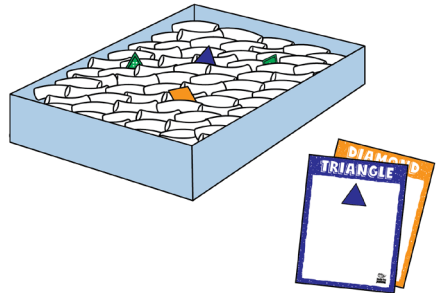


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VARIATIONS

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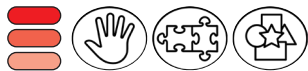
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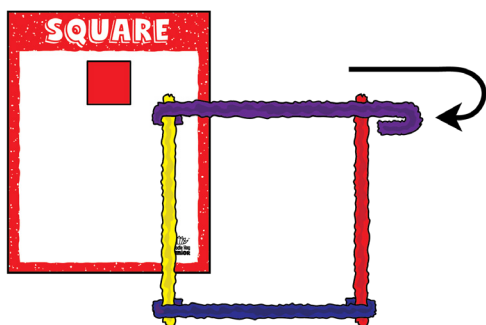
For added dexterity, ask your child to retrieve the items using the tweezer tool.

SHAPE RECOGNITION

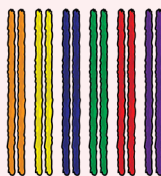
BUILDING SHAPES



Hold up a shape activity card. Ask your child to make the same shape using pipe cleaners by bending and twisting the ends together.



Materials:



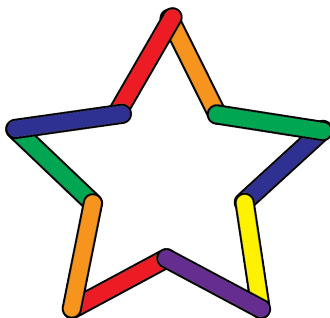
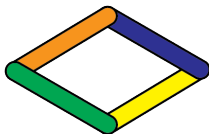
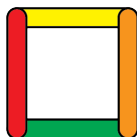
BONUS SKILLS! +



For a memory challenge and added language development, ask your child to say the name of the shape when placed on the activity card.

VARIATIONS

1. Use wood craft sticks to create shapes, with the exception of a circle.

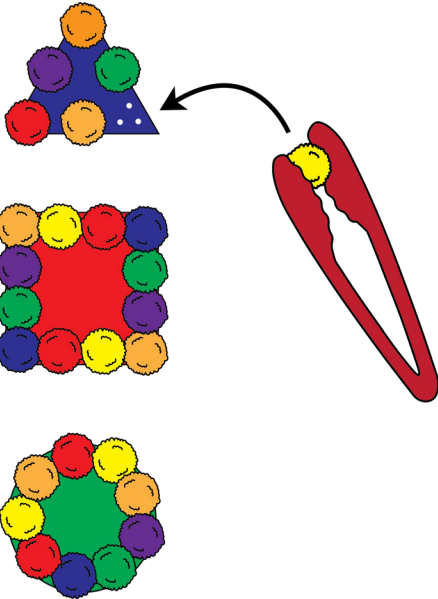


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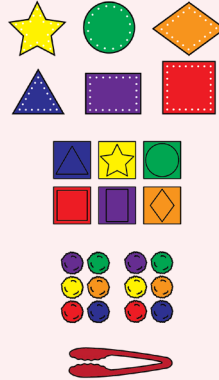
CREATING SHAPES



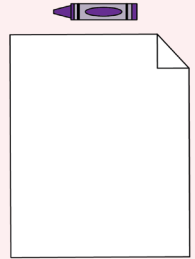
Ask your child to create shapes by using the tweezer tool to place the pom-poms onto the holes of the shape threading mats.



Materials:



FROM HOME:



BONUS SKILLS! +

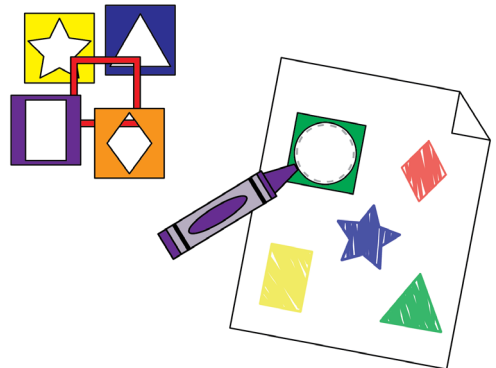


For a memory challenge and added language development, ask them to say the name of the shape when you point to it.

DRAWING SHAPES



Ask your child to separate the foam shape cut-outs from the square foam pieces. Ask them to use each shape frame as a stencil to trace the shape onto a piece of paper using a crayon. Once all shapes have been drawn, ask your child to color in the shapes.



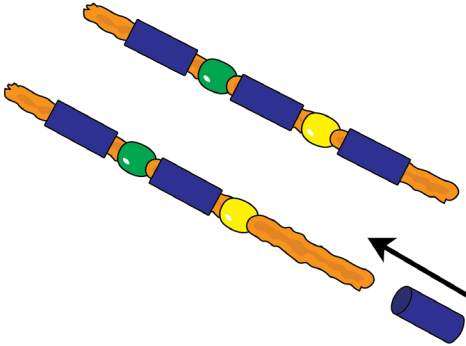
PATTERNS & PROBLEM SOLVING

THREADING



Use a scissor to cut a color straw into equal segments. Place the wood beads, straw segments, and pipe cleaners together.

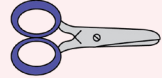
Create a pattern by threading three or four beads & straw segments over the pipe cleaners. Ask your child to repeat the pattern.



Materials:



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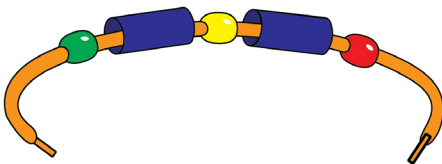
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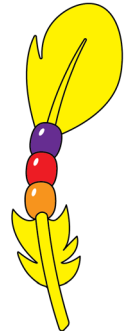
For a memory challenge and language development, ask your child to say the names of the colors used in their pattern.

VARIATIONS

1. Replace the pipe cleaner with a shoelace.



2. Replace the pipe cleaner with a feather.

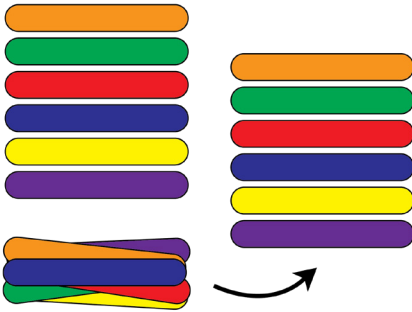


PATTERNS & PROBLEM SOLVING

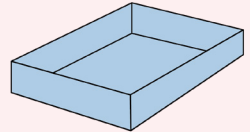
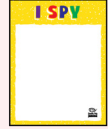
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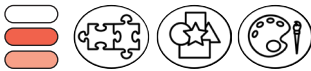
Use multiple popsicle sticks to create a color pattern. Give your child the remaining popsicle sticks and ask them to repeat the pattern.



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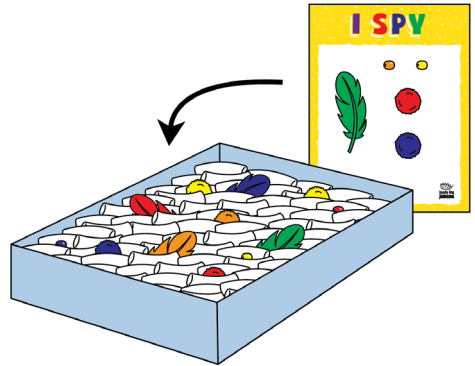


I SPY WITH BINS



Select 5 different sensory items and place them on the 'I Spy' card. Hide the duplicate 5 items in the activity tray covered with your bin filler of choice (see pg. 2 for suggestions).

Ask your child to find the 5 items on the 'I Spy' card that are hidden in the filler.



BONUS SKILL!



For more of a challenge, time your child as they find the 5 matching items and encourage them to beat their time each turn.

PATTERNS & PROBLEM SOLVING

MEMORY & SHAPES

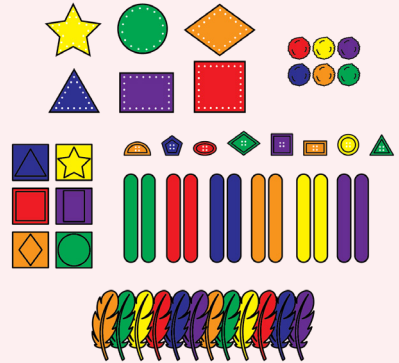


Place each of the shape buttons or foam shapes in front of your child. Point to each item while saying its shape.

Ask your child to close their eyes while you remove one item. When they open their eyes, ask your child to identify which shape is missing.



Materials:



BONUS SKILL! +

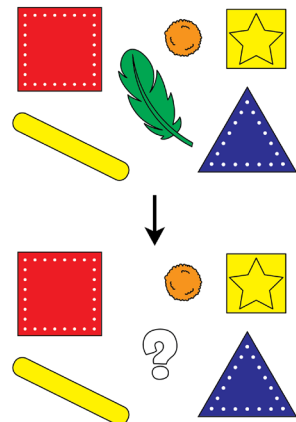
For added memory development, remove multiple shapes then ask your child which shapes are missing.

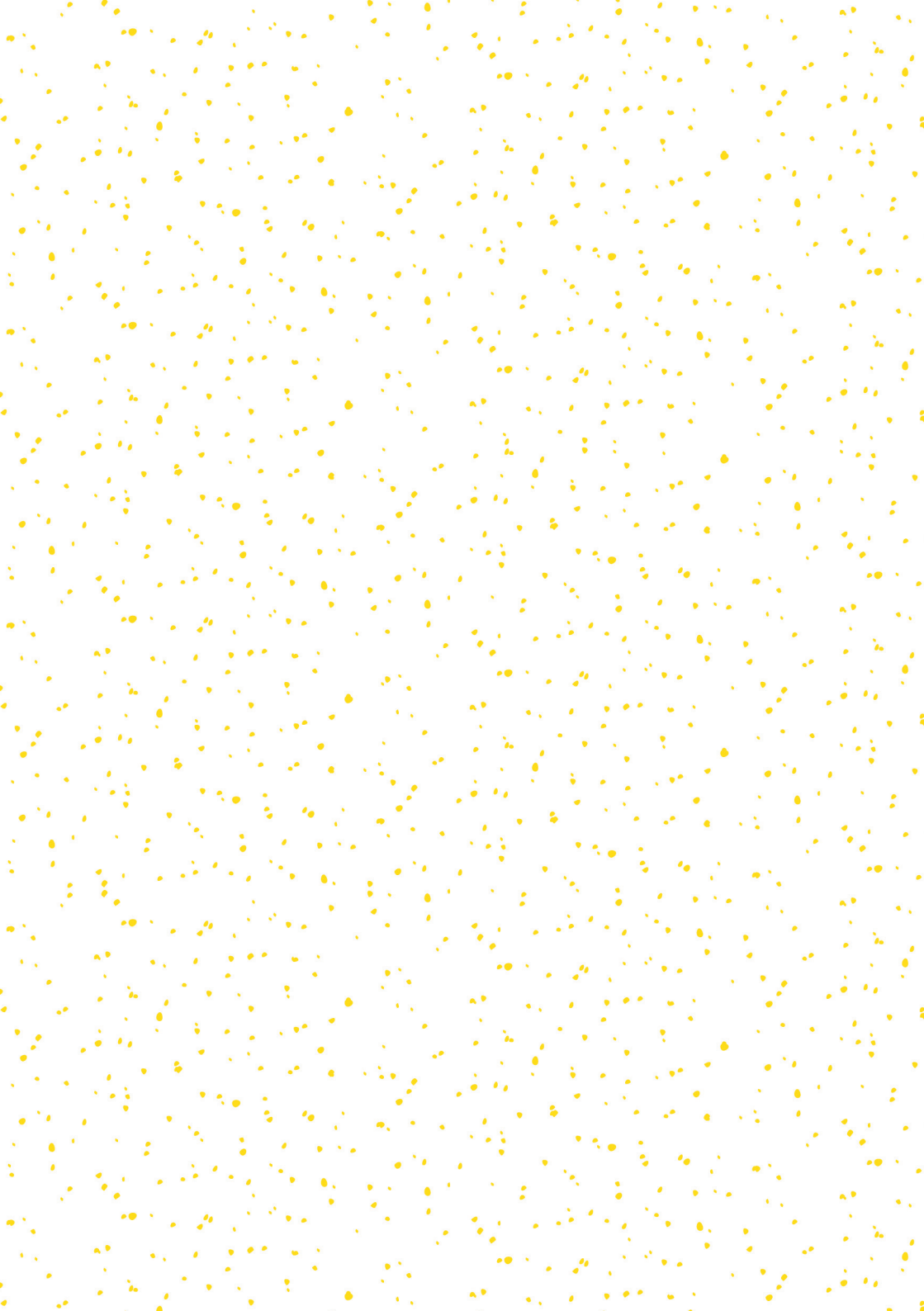
MEMORY & COLORS



Place six different items from the sensory kit, each of a different color, in front of your child. Point to each item while saying the item's name and color.

Now ask your child to close their eyes while you remove one item. Once they open their eyes, ask your child to identify which item and color is missing.







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