

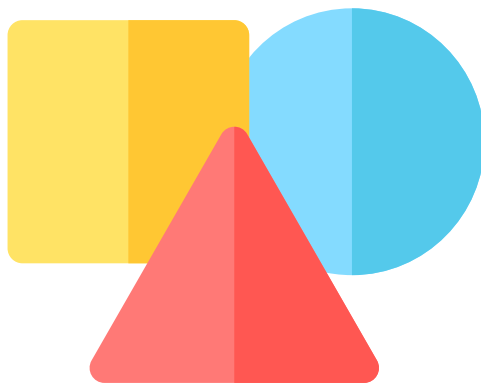
Mystery Match: Naming and Matching

Instructions:

1. Your child can match shapes in everyday routines. For example, make place-mats for the table.
2. Trace a plate or bowl, spoon, fork, and cup. Your child will enjoy setting the table by matching the shapes.
3. Talk about the shapes in the world. Point out the sidewalk squares. "Notice how windows are rectangles. What do you see? is that a circle? A triangle?"
4. Parents are able to observe their children's approach to the puzzle, supporting what they know, and giving him/her information to understand more. Children get to trace onto cardboard too. You may have to hold the objects for them.

Materials:

- Stiff paper such as lightweight cardboard, file folders, or brown paper grocery bags
- Markers
- 4 or 5 familiar household objects (such as a toothbrush, comb, doll's shoe, or spoon)
- Geometric blocks or shapes (triangle, square, circle, or rectangle)
- Toddler book



What they learn:

Cognitive: Your child is using spatial awareness as he places the shapes in the outlines.

Language: Your child is learning to identify objects by their name. You are increasing his vocabulary when you provide him with words like triangle. Your child is learning to see the relationship between a three dimensional object and the two-dimensional symbol for that object. This is a skill called symbolic representation.