

## Finding Colors: Learning Words and Matching

**Instructions:**

1. Smooth the rim of the can and cover it with plastic tape.
2. Wrap the can with the paper and tape it in place. Trace circles with different colored markers or paint.
3. Attach small magnets to the back of each can lid, have your child paint or color the other side.
4. Give your child the can. Show him how to match the colors on the lids to the colored circles on the can. Show him how the magnets help the lids stick.
5. Use parallel talk to describe what he is doing. Name the colors as he matches them.
6. Keep playing until all the circles are attached to the can. Let him remove them and place them on again.

**Materials:**

- Large coffee can with a lid
- Plastic tape
- Drawing paper
- Paint or permanent markers
- Lids from juice concentrate cans
- Self-adhesive magnetic strips
- Scissors
- Crayons
- Toddler book about colors

**What they learn:**

**Motor:** Your child is developing small muscle control when he picks up small objects, colors, and places the lids on the cans

**Cognitive:** Your child remembers the names of colors he sees often and learns new ones through play and repetition. Your child is learning to match and sort real objects by characteristics like size and color.