

BUILDING BASIC SHAPES

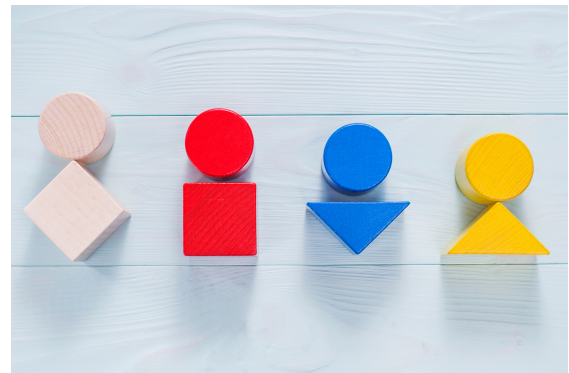
What to do:

1. Parents, using items that you and children choose, draw Shapes on paper.
2. Use basic shapes: Circle, Square, Triangle, Rectangle, Oval, Diamond.
3. Parents assist children with naming the shapes as you draw them and how many sides they have.
4. Children use Q Tips or Pennies to place around the shapes.
5. Children count how many Q Tips or Pennies you used. Write the numbers by each shape.

Alternative Version: Parents draw shapes in the air. Children guess which shape and draw the same shape in the air.

Materials:

1. Scrap Paper
2. Q Tips or Pennies
3. Crayons or Pencils



Why is this activity important? Teaching children math using shapes helps children identify and organize visual information and helps them learn skills in other curriculum areas including reading, math and science. Ex: An early step in understanding numbers and letters is to recognize their shape.