Making Shapes



What You Need:

- Small stickers (any design)
- Piece of paper
- Crayon, marker or pen

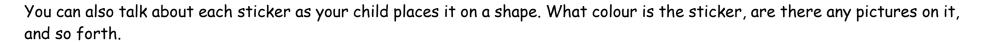
Directions:

- 1. On a piece of paper, draw the outline of some simple shapes (i.e. triangle, circle, square, rectangle).
- 2. Give your little one the stickers and tell them to place the stickers on the outline to complete the shapes.

Talking Points:

Talk to your little one about shapes, such as how many sides the shapes have, how many corners they have, and what other items have the same shapes. Another

great way to help your little one learn their shapes is to sing shape songs to them. You can find some shape songs on the last page of this document.



Books:

- Mouse Shapes by Ellen Stoll Walsh from Vaughan Public Libraries
- Friendshape by Amy Krouse Rosental and Tom Lichtenheld from Kanopy Kids
- Big Box of Shapes by Wiley Blevins from Hoopla
- Trek Learns About Shapes by Wold Book from Hoopla





Shape Matching



What You Need:

- Small shape stickers
- Crayon, marker or pen

- Piece of paper

- Scissors

Directions:

- 1. On a piece of paper, draw some shapes.
- 2. Give your little one the shape stickers and tell them to place the appropriate shape stickers in the appropriate shape.



Talking Points:

Learning shapes is an important pre-literacy skill. Not only does it allow your little one to identify and organize visual information, but when children are ablet recognize the different shapes they will have an easier time learning their alphabet.

Talk to your little one about how the shapes look the same and how they look different, for example, point out how many corners and sides each shape has. You can also look for other items in your house that are simple shapes (such as a plate or a table).

Talk about each sticker as your child places it on a shape, such as the colour and if the sticker is sticky.

Books:

- Square by Mac Barnett from Vaughan Public Libraries
- Love, Triangle by Marcie Colleen from Vaughan Public Libraries
- The Shape of My Heart by Mark Sperring from Vaughan Public Libraries
- Bear in a Square by Stella Blackstone from Hoopla
- Pound is a Mooncake by Roseanne Thong from Tumble Book Library



Shape People

- Glue



What You Need:

- Coloured paper (multiple colours and sheets)

- Googly Eyes (optional)

- Scissors

Markers or Crayons

Directions:

- 1. Precut different shapes, such as triangles, squares, rectangles, diamonds, ovals and circles on different coloured paper.
- 2. Give your little one a large piece of paper and the precut shapes.
- 3. Have your little one use the precut shapes to create a person by gluing the shapes onto the large piece of paper.
- 4. Have your little one draw a face on their person or use googly eyes and smaller precut shapes to glue on the face.
- 5. Have your little one name the person by having them (or an adult) write the shape person's name on the piece of paper.



Talking Points:

Talk to your little one about shapes, what colour the shapes are, and how many sides the shapes have. Also, talk to them about the glue and how sticky it is and how much they need to make the shapes stick. Watch this video to learn more about how being able to identify shapes is an important preliteracy skill: https://youtu.be/aItApQ0_d0Q

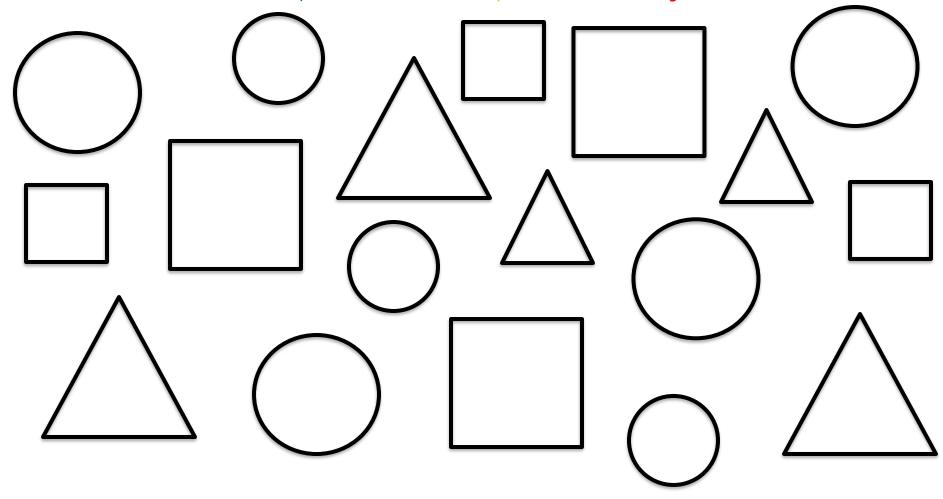
Books:

- Tangled: A Story About Shapes by Anne Miranda from Vaughan Public Libraries
- Circle by Mac Barnett from <u>Vaughan Public Libraries</u>



Colour the Shapes

Colour all the squares blue, all the circles yellow, and all the triangles red.



How many squares are there? _____ How many circles are there? _____ How many triangles are there? _____





Shape Songs

Square Song

Tune: Farmer in the Dell

A square is like a box,
A square is like a box,
It has four sides,
They're all the same.
A square is like a box!

Triangle Song

Tune: Farmer in the Dell

A triangle has 3 sides,
A triangle has 3 sides,
Up the mountain,
Down, and back.
A triangle has 3 sides!

Circle Song

Tune: Farmer in the Dell

A circle is like a ball,
A circle is like a ball,
It goes round and round
It never stops.
A circle is like a ball!

Rectangle Song

Tune: Farmer in the Dell

A rectangle has 4 sides,
A rectangle has 4 sides,
Two are long,
And two are short.
A rectangle has 4 sides!



