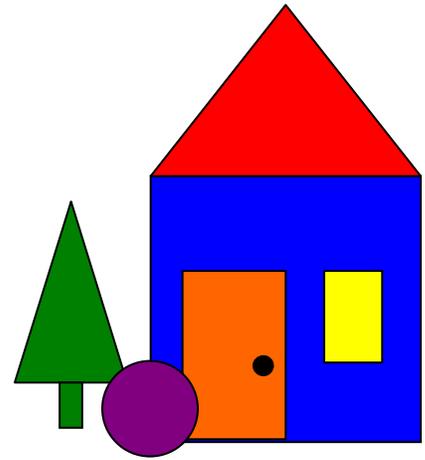




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Preschool Theme Kits

SHAPES



FOR YOU: a copy of these activities is available in back of this notebook.

Welcome to the *Shapes* Theme Kit. Our target age group is 2 to 5 year olds but we have included at least one board book for babies to use. All these books read aloud well, and there are activities, finger plays, and teacher guides to help you. Also, take a look at the general information sheet on the inside cover of this notebook. ENJOY!

BOX CONTENTS

BOOKS

The Secret Birthday Message
Eric Carle

I Spy Shapes in Art
Lucy Micklethwait

Sea Shapes
Suse MacDonald

Look! Look! Look!
Nancy Elizabeth Wallace

The Shape of Things
Dayle Ann Dodds

Round Trip (Book with CD)
Ann Jonas

Mouse Shapes
Ellen Stoll Walsh

Shapes, Shapes, Shapes
Tana Hoban

Color Zoo
Lois Ehlert

DVD

Guess that Shape and Color
Sesame Street

TOY

Shapes matching cards

ADULT RESOURCES

101 Colors and Shapes Activities
Susan Hodges

ACTIVITY NOTEBOOK
Includes shapes templates

BEYOND THE KITS THEMES HANDBOOK

Related Activities

-Fun and Games-

SHAPES HUNT

After reading **Shapes, Shapes, Shapes** or watching **Guess that Shape and Color** DVD, have children go on a shapes hunt in your daycare/ classroom or home. Can they spot and name any of these shapes: circle, triangle, rectangle, square, oval or star?

*Alternate**: Cut out a number of shapes from heavy paper or cardstock. Punch a hole in each shape and tie a long piece of yarn or ribbon on each shape, so children can put them around their necks. Ask your children to go around the daycare and find shapes that match their shape. Young children may need to show you only one example at a time.

Extension: Take the shapes hunt outside. Look at houses, the sidewalk, windows, trees, cars, children playing with toys, people working, etc. Talk about all the shapes you see.

SPONGE PAINTING**

Cut sponges into various shapes. Let the children dip the sponges in tempera or watercolor paint and stamp the shapes onto paper.

You may want to use the paper to cover your bulletin board, making an attractive background for other work or displays.

SHAPES MAT

Make a variety of geometric shapes out of heavy paper or cardstock. You may want to laminate them. Make them different sizes, and let the triangles have different length sides (not all triangles are equilateral).

Trace around each of the shapes on a large piece of paper (make the outlines *slightly* larger). Give the children some of the shapes and let them put the correct shapes into the outlines on the mat.

ADULT RESOURCE – 101 Colors and Shapes Activities

These activities are easy to prepare and all preschoolers can enjoy and learn from these experiences. Name the Missing Shape (page 13) is an easy introductory activity. I Spy (page 17) is a traditional children’s game and ideal for searching your room for shapes. Do you know what shape this is? (page 49) is sung to “The Muffin Man”. Shape Toss (page 71) and Moving Shapes (page 72) are full body activities.

You will find many fun activities using different learning styles in this resource.

**Activities courtesy of the Early Childhood Office of the Seattle Public Library.*

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SHAPE SNACKS*

There are many snacks that can be made into shapes. Let the children help!

Circle snacks: sliced bananas, oranges, round crackers, cookies, muffins, sandwiches on round bread (use a round cookie cutter).

Square snacks: French toast; cheese squares or cubes (be sure to use the word 'cubes'), crackers, rice krispie squares, and sandwiches cut into squares.

Triangle snacks: triangular chips, pizza slices, cheese slices and sandwiches cut into triangles, orange slices (wedge shaped), watermelon slices.

Rectangle snacks: graham crackers, granola bars, sandwiches cut into strips.

Extensions: also make these unusual shapes.

- Semicircles: half an orange or watermelon slice. Ovals: grapes, hard boiled eggs
- Diamonds (parallelograms) : sandwiches cut on the angle
- Hearts, ovals and stars: use cookie cutters to cut sandwiches or cookies.

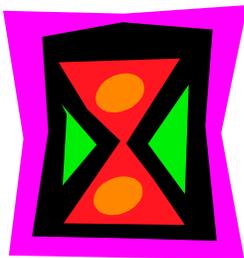
SHAPES PICTURES

Cut out a variety of triangle, circles, squares and rectangles. Use wallpaper, wrapping paper, old cards, construction or colored paper. Let children make self-portraits, 'pictures' of the outdoors, or whatever they would like.

Talk about the names of the shapes as they handle them and in the finished pictures.

Write the names of the shapes on a few of them, if it doesn't destroy the "artistry".

This is a great follow-up activity after reading **Look! Look! Look!** or **The Shape of Things**, or **Mouse Shapes**, books included in this kit.



Shapes Theme Kit

Questions or Suggestions:

Call the Youth Services Dept.
at (360) 384-3150

-Fingerplays and Action Rhymes-

DRAW A CIRCLE **

Draw a circle, draw a circle

Round as can be.

Draw a circle in the air with finger or whole hand.

Draw a circle, draw a circle

Just for me.

Draw a rectangle, draw a rectangle,
Shaped like a door.

Draw a rectangle in the air with finger.

Draw a rectangle with four sides
and corners there.

Draw a triangle, draw a triangle with
Corners three.

Draw a triangle in the air.

Draw a triangle, draw a triangle, just
for me.

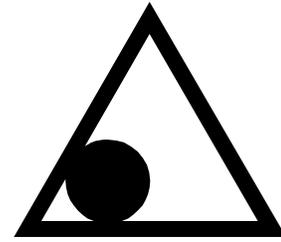
RING AROUND THE ROSIE

A circle game: start in a circle holding hands.
Circle as you sing:

Ring around a rosie
Pocket full of posies,
Ashes, ashes, we all fall down!
Everyone goes down in place.

Cows in the meadows
eating buttercups
*Remain on the floor, plucking with
your fingers, like cows 'eating'*
Thunder (*pound floor with palms*),
lightning (*clap hands loudly*),
we all stand up!

Variations: tape down a large triangle or
rectangle on the floor, and make this a
triangle/rectangle game!



SHAPES RHYME**

*Hold up a rectangle shaped object and
point to the sides as you say:*

Ricky Rectangle is my name.
My four sides are not the same:
Two are short and two are long.
Count my sides, come right along.
1, 2, 3, 4.

*Continue with appropriate shapes and
motions:*

I am Sammy Square,
That's my name.
My four sides are all just the same.

I'm Timmy Triangle,
That's my name.
My three sides are short or long
Or sometimes just the same.

I'm Suzie Circle,
Watch me bend.
Round and round from end to end.

Ollie Oval, that's me.
I'm not round as you can see.
Like an egg at both ends,
That's the way I'm made.

Shapes Matching Cards (Toy)

There are a number of games your
children can play with these cards. Play
these, or make up some of your own.

- Use 24 picture cards:
circles, squares, rectangles,
ovals, and triangles. Leave the
dark outline cards out. Lay the
24 cards face down and invite
the children to make matches.
The cards will not be identical,
but the shapes will be the
same.

- Make 5 containers marked with
each of the shapes. Let children
drop the cards into the correct
container.

- Give a child one of the dark
outline cards (square, circle,
triangle, etc). Ask him/her to find
all the other cards that have that
shape on it.

Hint: a few of the picture cards have
more than one shape on them.

How You Can Help

- Use and return kits promptly so that they are available for others.
- Please check box contents before returning.
- Do not use the book drop. Please return kits inside an open library.