

Happy Kids at home!

Bits and Pieces

For this activity you will need:

Small cardboard boxes or plastic tubs, masking tape, paper, markers

Understanding shape and size is something that you do when you park a car or try to fit groceries into a bag. While shapes and sizes are usually associated with mathematics, they are also important when it comes to literacy.

Children have to be able to recognise different shapes of letters and eventually link them to sounds. There are plenty of activities that you can do at home with all ages of children to help them enjoy and discover shape and size.

Step 1

Perhaps you remember as a child having fun sticking things together. This is a fantastic way for children to learn at first-hand about shape and size. It is also very early engineering!

Step 2

Put out your collection of bits and pieces as well as some markers and some paper. Take the lead and start joining some pieces together. Your child might either want to join you or do one alone. Don't worry about what the item looks like - just enjoy the fun of being creative.

Step 3

Look out for a wider range of materials and encourage your child to experiment. You could also bring out the paint if you are keen!



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Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

The EYFS sets standards for the learning, development and care of children from birth to 5 years old. It promotes teaching and learning through play to make sure all children have the skills they need for future life. There are 3 Prime Areas of Learning and 5 Specific Areas. We follow this in Preschool Nursery and you can do activities at home to help your child learning. This activities will cover many areas of the EYFS but are planned specifically to cover these areas below.

Specific Area

Literacy

There is a link between jigsaws and learning to read. This is because letters are shapes.

Specific Area

Mathematics

Your child is learning to use shapes in order to solve problems.