



SHAPE BOARD PUZZLES

Suits ages 8 months – 36 months



What you will need:

- Coloured card – in red, blue, yellow, green, pink, purple
- Brown card
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue

What you do:

1. Using the coloured card fold them in half horizontally and vertically and cut these into 4.
2. In the middle of each coloured card draw different shapes such as stars, circles, triangles, squares, rectangles, and hearts.
3. Carefully cut the shapes out of the coloured card.
4. Glue the rest of the coloured card on to a thick brown card; these will become your puzzle boards.
5. Place some of the different coloured shapes into the puzzle boards you have created and place some on the table for your child to explore.
6. Allow your child to master the skill of removing the different shape pieces from the boards, let them take their time.
7. Encourage your child to explore and identify how the puzzle pieces fit in the holes they belong in, ensuring you allow them to identify and match the pieces up, offering support where needed.
8. Take all of the shape puzzle pieces out of the boards and place them all in the middle of the table, let your child pick up different shapes and ask them questions about; what shapes they have? What colours can they see? And ask them count how many sides each shape has, before getting your child to match these to the correct boards.

Matching items is part of your child's/children's Mathematical development. This is a great tactile way to introduce basic maths concepts of size and colour to your child/children. This will also develop Communication and Language as you engage in asking simple questions. Furthermore, this will also support their Physical development through working on their fine motor skills.