



I-Spy Shapes

Create individual shape 'I spy glasses' and go on a shape hunt around the house, in the garden or at the park.

Everyday Objects & Shape

Draw round objects on a large piece of paper. Hide the objects around the room/garden. Give your child the outlines and let them hunt for the objects. Giving clues if necessary.



Cups & Lolly Sticks

Provide lolly sticks, plastic cups, pieces of Jenga and/or other suitable resources and leave your budding engineers to create. Ask them to talk about what they are building/have created.

Fruit & Vegetable Geometry

Use fruit, vegetables and toothpicks to make geometric shapes.





Duplo Symmetry

Use Lego or Duplo to learn about symmetry. Ask children to make it symmetrical by adding the correct coloured shapes to the other side of the line.

Building with Shapes

Tip out your recycling and allow your child to build and balance with the items. What have you built? What shapes have you used? What can it do? Use words such as: sharp corner, pointy and curvy. Can you add an arch to that?



Position

Use small world toys to understand positional language. Use the words in, on, under, up, down, besides, between, in front of and behind.

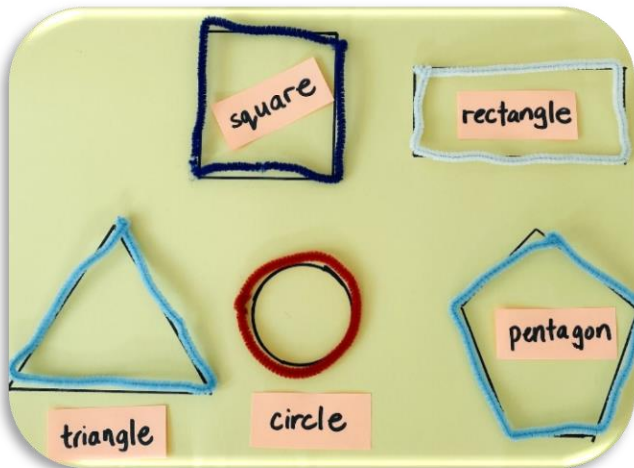


Duplo Shapes

Place Duplo onto paper and draw around the shapes. Ask your little one to fill the shapes with the appropriate Duplo pieces. Can they fill it with only 2 pieces or 3 or both?

Carboard Shapes

Create shapes with cardboard tubes.



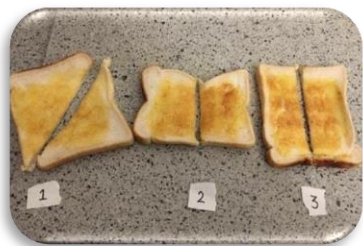
Pipe Cleaner Shapes

Draw shapes on a piece of paper and then give children some pipe cleaners. Can they create the shapes on the paper with the pipe cleaners?

Lolly Stick Shape Puzzles

Create shape puzzles using lolly sticks.





Food Shapes

Talk about the shapes of items in the environment and in particular food, as it is cut up.

Marshmallow Geometry

Use toothpicks and marshmallows as resources for geometry.



Grouping by Size

Create a size chart and ask children to sort objects into big/large, medium and small.



Floor Shapes

Create shapes on the floor using tape or paper. Provide a pile of items for children to sort or ask them to search for items around the house. Use words such as: sides, corners, straight, flat and round.



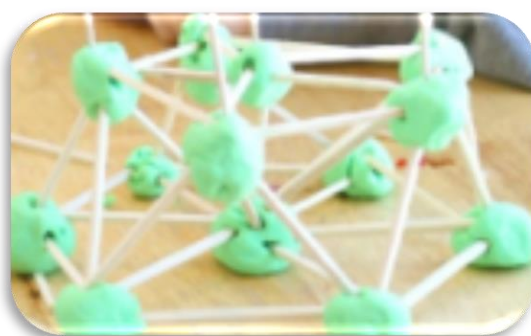
Shape Grids

Create shapes and grids for children to copy. What shapes have they made? Do any look like letters or numbers?



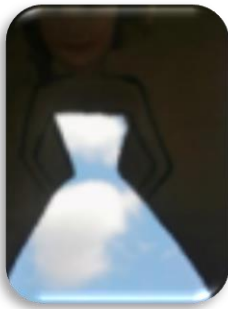
Elastic Band Duplo

Place Duplo on a board in rows/columns. Give children elastic bands and see what shapes they can create. Name the shapes. Do any look like letters or numbers?



Play Dough Geometry

Add toothpicks to balls of playdough and get creative. Start with basic shapes, then allow their imagination to run free.



Stencil Shapes

Create clothes shapes in pieces of card. These are dresses, but could be superhero capes, trousers, t-shirts etc. Use a camera to take pictures of these nature costumes. Talk about the shapes they have created



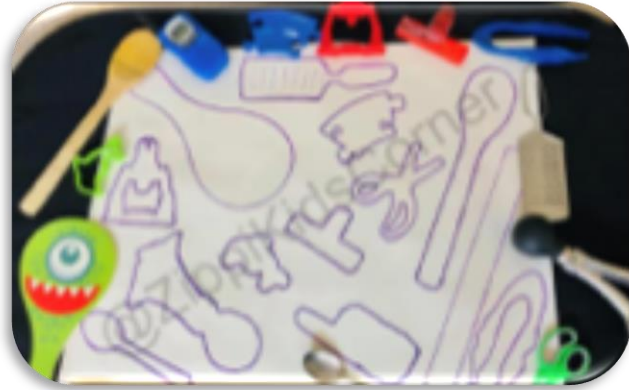
Playground Language

Use playgrounds to talk about size and shape. Include vocabulary such as up, down, on top of, high, tall, bigger and smaller.



Lolly Stick Shapes

Use lolly sticks/craft sticks to create shapes. Use the shapes to create pictures.

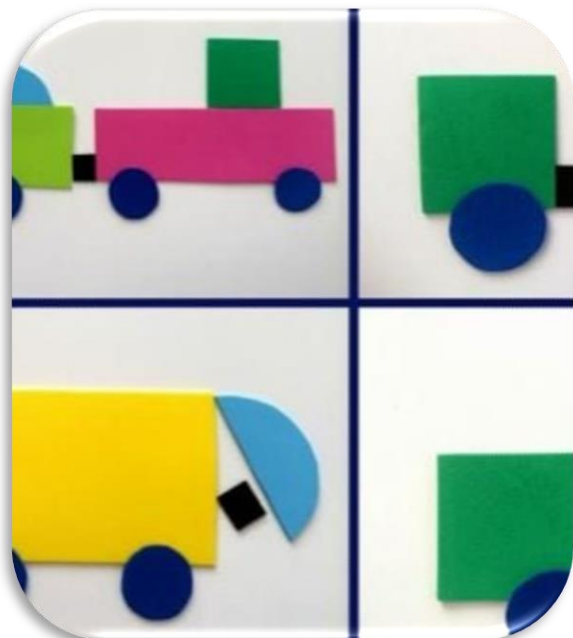


Shape Search & Match

Bring together recognisable items from around the room and draw round them on a large piece of paper. Hide the items around the room and/or garden. They must then search for them and place them in the correct outlines. This could be timed to add further maths learning.

Spot the Difference

Create 2 identical shapes with Duplo or Lego, deliberately making 1 piece of the shape different, either in colour or size. Children must then spot the difference between the two. Let them see if they can create one for you!



Shape Pictures

Give your child various shapes and ask them to create a picture. What shape is created when you put 2 shapes together? What shape are the wheels/roof etc?



Cork Board Shapes

Use a cork board/mat, pins and elastic bands to see what shapes can be made.

Shape Monsters

Create paper bag monsters and then feed them with the relevant shape that you have labelled them with.



Shape Sweeping

Create shapes on the floor and ask your child to sweep items into a shape as you name them.

Shape Wheel

Create a shape wheel.
Match the shape on the peg to the shape on the wheel.

