



**BOOK TITLE:** Peter Rabbit's Rainbow Shapes and Colors  
**AUTHOR:** Beatrix Potter



**SUMMARY OF BOOK:** Peter Rabbit and friends teach shapes and primary colors, with each page displaying a different color and embossed shape through lively redrawn images. All seven colors form a rainbow at the end of the story.

**\*BEFORE READING** (Ask questions and use what the child already knows to add to the discussion, assisting the child in understanding and enjoying the book):

Try questions such as these:

1. Take a picture walk through the book just looking at the pictures. Before opening the book show the child the cover and read the title. Ask her what she thinks the book will be about, based only on what she sees.
2. Ask questions about each picture she sees: "What is going on here?" "Who is this?" "What sounds do they make?" "Where do you think they are?"

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**DURING READING** (ask these questions):

1. Use your finger or the child's to point out animals, shapes, and other objects in the story. "What animal is that?" "Where is the bunny?"
2. Outline the shapes with the child's finger while saying the name of the shape. "How does the circle feel?" "Does that feel soft when you touch it?"
3. Try to relate the shapes in the story with items familiar to your child. "That circle is round like a cookie." "The red strawberry here is red like your shirt."

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**AFTER READING** (activity to extend book experience):

1. Create a simple sorting game with everyday items in the shape of two circles, two triangles, and two squares. Allow the child to handle the items and say the shape name as she manipulates them. Help her find the matching shape in the set.
2. Do the same with colors and various fruits or toys.
3. Point out shapes and colors as you see them throughout the day. Use their fingers to outline the shapes.

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