



Thinking Abilities and General Knowledge Activity for 24 to 30 Months

Matching Shapes

Materials:

- Different colored and sized (big/little) shapes cut from sturdy construction paper or poster board

What to do:

1. Play a shape-matching game. Hold up a shape from a pile of basic shapes and ask the child to find one just like yours. Only use circle, square, and triangle shapes.
2. Start with two pairs of shapes with contrasting size and colors: one pair of large yellow circles and one pair of smaller blue squares. Hold up one shape and ask the child to point to or pick up the same shape. You may have to assist the child at first.
3. Make the game more challenging by adding an extra pair of shapes, and keeping the same size and color.
4. Give the child as many hints as he needs so he is always successful. Point to, guide his hand to, or give him the matching shape.

