

*Appropriate for :*  
Young Toddlers and Older Toddlers.



## Shape Sorter Box

### **SUPPLIES NEEDED:**

- Box with removable lid
- Scissors
- Glue/Tape
- Crayons, Markers, wrapping paper to decorate the box
- Various shaped objects

### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Cut out various shapes in the box lid. (Save the shapes you cut out)
- Decorate the top of the lid or sides of the box using crayons, markers, or paper.
- Use various objects that are the shape of a triangle, circle, and rectangle (etc) for the children to place in the appropriate shape that is cut out on the lid of the box.

### **What the adult can do to support learning and development in these domains:**

- Discuss the shapes and colors of the objects with the children.
- Provide toys and materials that vary in color, texture, shape, size and other characteristics.
- Share children's pleasure in learning and discovering new things through their play.
- Offer help only when the child seems unable to master the problem alone. Provide just enough help so they can finish on their own and feel successful.

### **Examples of language that can be used between caregiver and child:**

- "What shape is that? Yes, it's a circle. What else is the shape of a circle? An orange!"
- "Do you see the blue square block? "Where do you think it goes?"
- "You figured out that the toy would fit if you turned it around! Good thinking."

This activity highlights support for the following *NCFELD* domain:

Cognitive Development	Approaches to Play & Learning	Language Development & Communication	Emotional and Social Development	Health & Physical Development
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