

Do The Twist

This activity explores



Shapes



Number Sense & Counting



Spatial Sense

Learning Goals

Explore different kinds of shapes; practice sorting and counting shapes; practice using spatial words to describe objects.



What You'll Need

Pipe cleaners

Steps

- 1. Make Numbers!** bend the wires to form different numbers from one to nine. Arrange and rearrange the numbers in order.
- 2. Design Shapes!** Simple twists, bends and curves of pipe cleaners easily become geometric shapes. Help children make simple shapes like triangles, circles, squares, rectangles, diamonds and ovals. You might make the shape first, then help your child make it too.
- 3. Find Shapes Around the House!** go on a shape hunt! For example, curve the pipe cleaner into a circle. Then, travel around the house to find many different circular objects to match. Use phrases like "under, over, above, below" to help support kids' spatial sense.

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Talk Together

- How many shapes of each color are there?
- How many shapes are left if we take away all of the round shapes?

Book Suggestion

Anno's Counting Book,
by Mitumasa Anno

Online Game

Curious George: Museum of Tens

pbskids.org/curiousgeorge/busyday/ten/