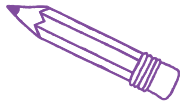


ACTIVITY TIME

Featured Stories Program

books
for
toddlers



Theme: Shapes

Book title: FRIDA AND BEAR

By Anthony Browne and Hanne Bartholin

Magic shape

You will need:

- paper
- Coloured pencils, textas or paint.

Instructions:

1. Ask your child to draw a shape on the paper
2. Look at the shape from different angles by turning the paper around
3. Create a new picture by transforming the shape into something new. For example; a square into a robot or house, a triangle into a plane or crown, a circle into a flower or the sun. Be creative!
4. Encourage your child to make suggestions of what the shape can be turned into, help them and draw together
5. Ask your child what they can see. Talk with each other about the new picture. Can they spot their original shape?

Further information

This is a great activity that allows parent and child to play together. Toddlers will love to guess what you are drawing and the more experience they have at recognising different shapes the more creative they will become. Children learn best through play, this is because they are watching and copying how things are done. Through play children will explore how things work, for example; why the square block will not fit in the round hole. Role modelling with children and using lots of describing words in everyday activities are great ways to help children's brain develop and grow.

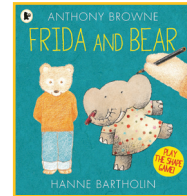
Young children need plenty of practise with new activities and some they will like more than others. For a change of scenery take drawing outside, look for opportunities to draw in the dirt in the garden or at a park or perhaps in the sand at the beach.

Songs

There's a Spot Over Here and *What Shape Is This?* (Sung to: "The Muffin Man"). See reverse for words.

Key message

Children learn from watching and copying.

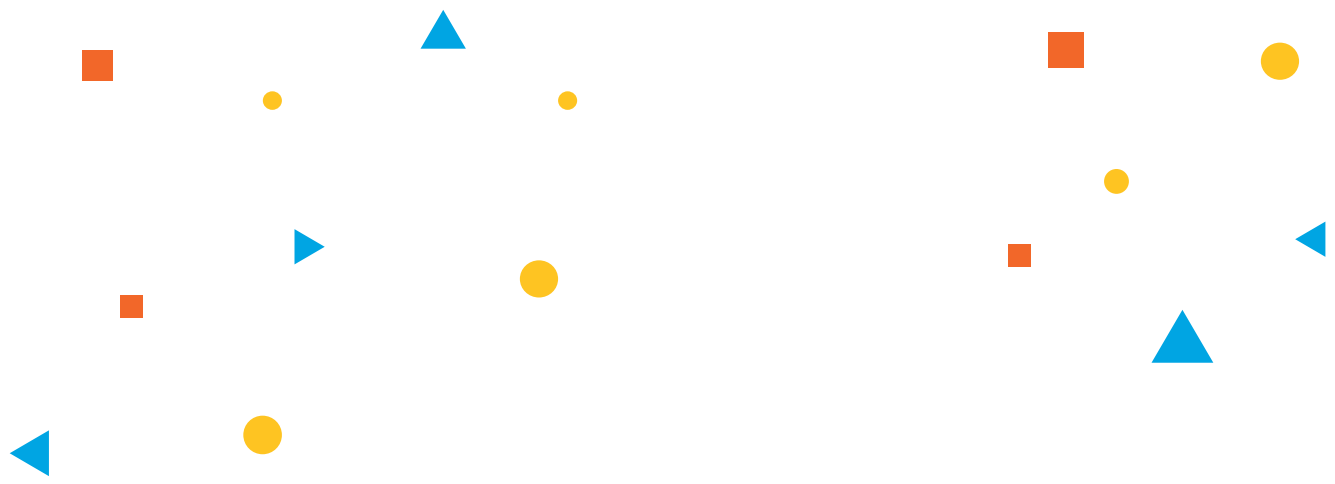


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What Shape Is This?

(Sung to: "The Muffin Man")

Do you know what shape this is,
What shape this is, what shape this is?

Do you know what shape this is
I'm holding in my hand?

