

Let's Learn to **PASTE**

- Meets national standards for early childhood
- Builds fine motor skills and teaches basic skills through fun cutting and pasting activities
- Includes step-by-step lessons that increase in difficulty
- Features detailed parent instructions along with simple directions for children



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Welcome to the *Let's Learn Series*

The early years of your child's life are the most critical for development—both cognitively and physically. It is important that you nurture your child's growing interest in the world around him or her. It is also essential to prepare your child with the basic skills and fine motor skills necessary for the school years ahead. Basic skills include concepts such as the alphabet, numbers, colors, and shapes. Fine motor skills are movements that are produced by small muscles or muscle groups. Children in preschool spend a lot of their day developing these muscles in their hands. Developed motor skills are the key to success in school.

Young children learn best when they are actively involved in the learning process. *Let's Learn to Paste* features whimsical hands-on activities that children will love to complete. The act of pasting and manipulating small objects will help your child develop fine motor skills. Developing fine motor skills is an important part of the brain development. It reinforces growth and builds connections between different parts of the brain. More connections mean more brain power!



This book was designed to be completed with the child and parent working together to maximize learning opportunities. Try completing a couple pages a day with your child. There are directions for parents and simplified directions for the child. Allow your child to decipher and explore the activity on his or her own, but provide guidance when needed. Encourage your child to be as creative as possible when completing the activities. Most importantly, enjoy working through the book with your child. The time you invest in your child's development is priceless and will reap countless rewards for years to come.

Introduce your child to *Let's Learn to Paste* today and watch him or her succeed tomorrow!



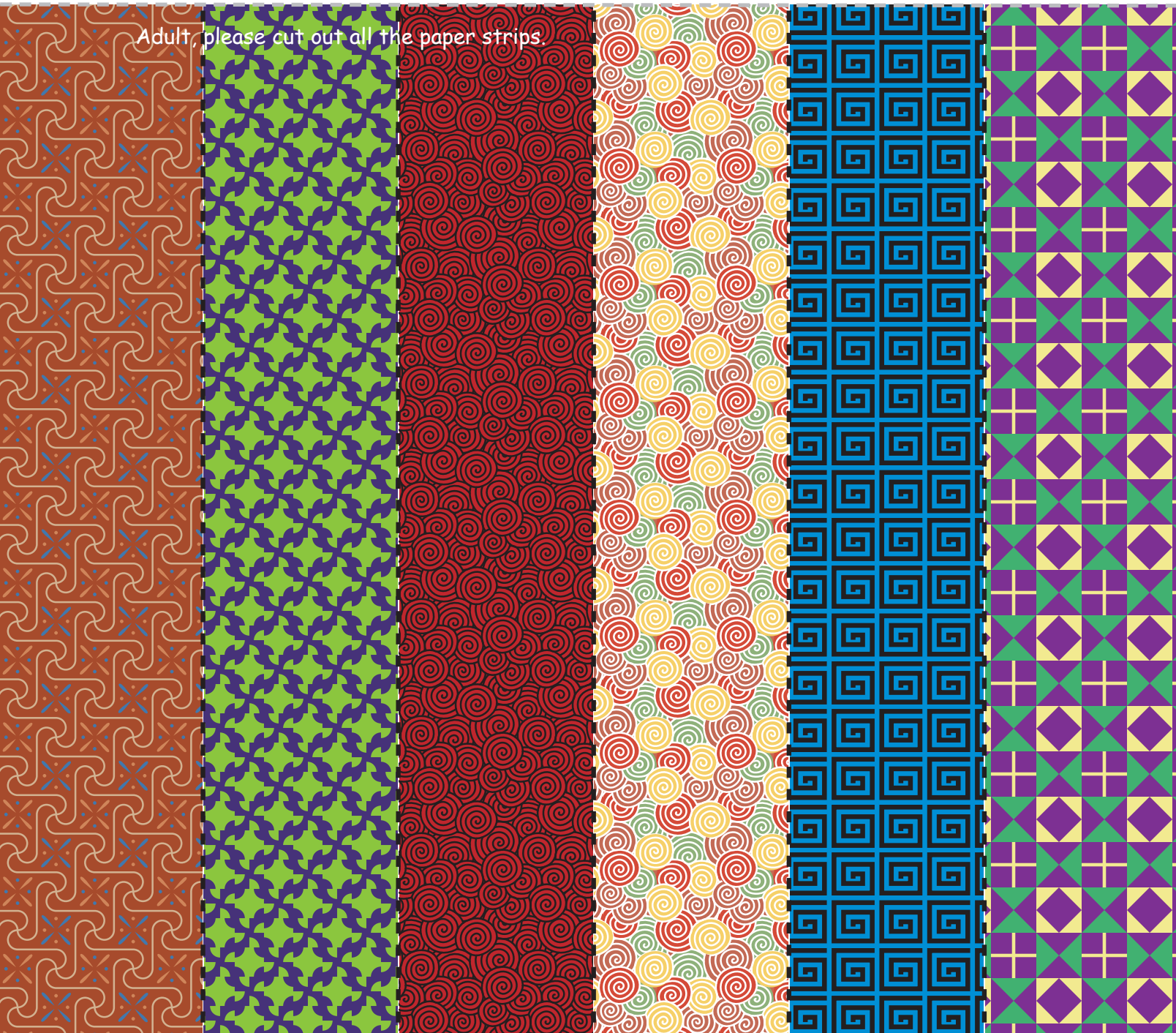
Paper Chain

Skill: Making a paper chain

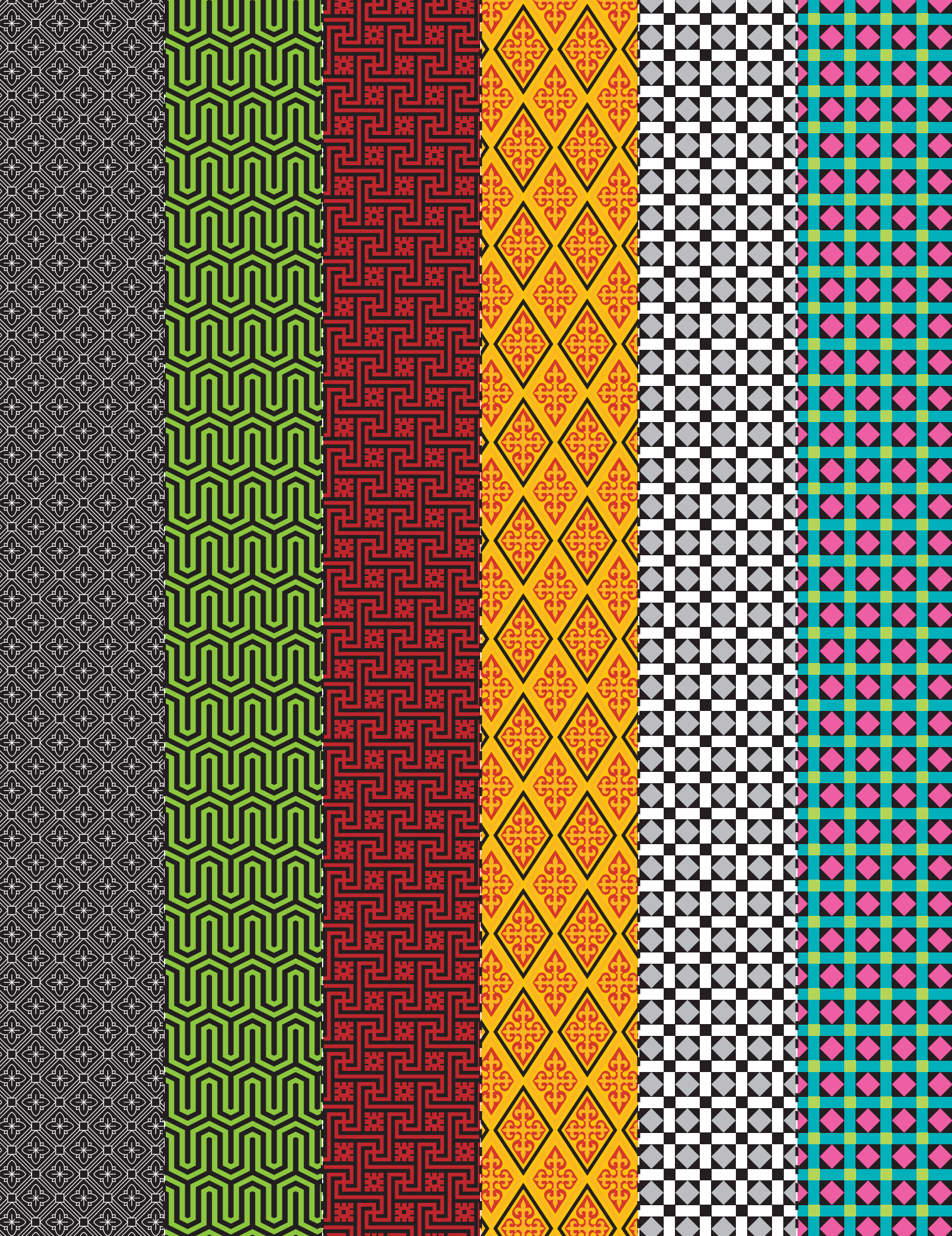
Directions: Cut the paper strips from this page and the next. Show your child how to make a loop by overlapping the two ends and pasting them together. Tell your child to hold the pasted sections together until the glue has time to set. Make a chain by sliding another paper strip through the center of the first loop and pasting the ends together. Look for a fun extension activity on page 61.

Paste a paper chain.

Adult, please cut out all the paper strips.



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Polar Bear Puzzle

Skill: Pasting pieces together to finish a puzzle

Directions: Cut out the puzzle pieces at the bottom of the page. Help your child arrange the pieces to make a picture of a polar bear sledding down a hill. Then, help your child paste the pieces in the white spaces on the activity page. It is okay if he or she does not line up the pieces perfectly.

Paste pieces together to finish a puzzle.



Adult, please cut out the pieces.



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Funny Farm

Skill: Pasting pieces together to finish a puzzle

Directions: Your child will glue the pieces down to make a picture. Can he or she find five funny things about this picture?

Paste pieces together to finish a puzzle



Adult, please cut out the pieces.



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Beach Day Puzzle

Skill: Pasting pieces together to finish a puzzle.

Directions: Cut out the puzzle pieces for your child. He or she will arrange the pieces of the puzzle to make a picture and then paste them on the page.

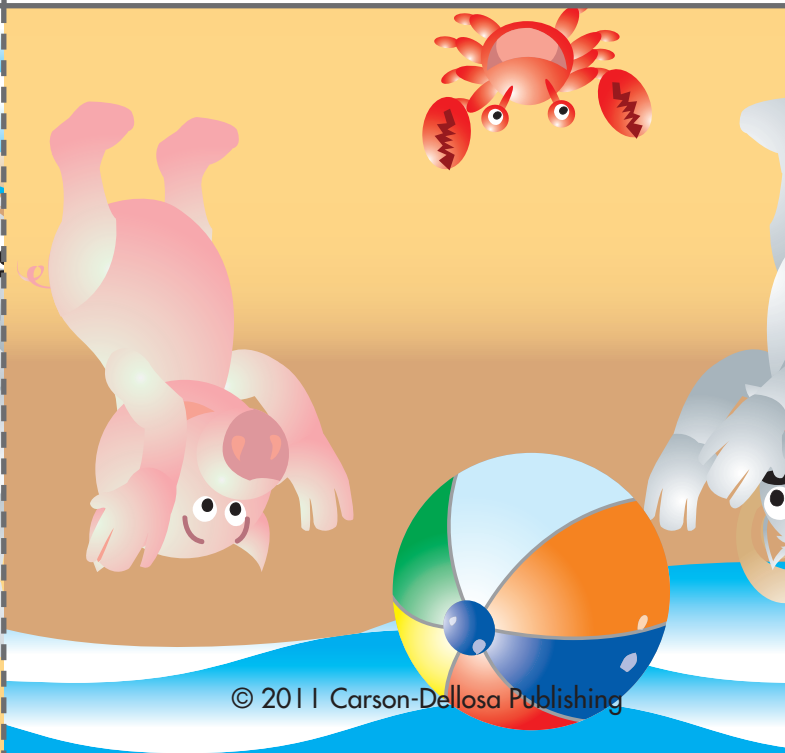
Paste pieces together to finish a puzzle.



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Berry Time

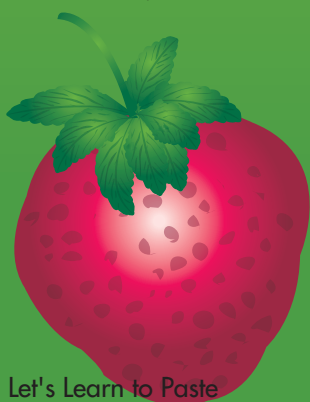
Skill: Pasting objects on the page

Directions: Cut the berries from the bottom of the page. Have your child paste the berries somewhere on the plant. This activity presents a good opportunity to practice counting, review colors, and discuss healthy eating habits.

Place objects on the page.



Adult, please cut out the strawberries.



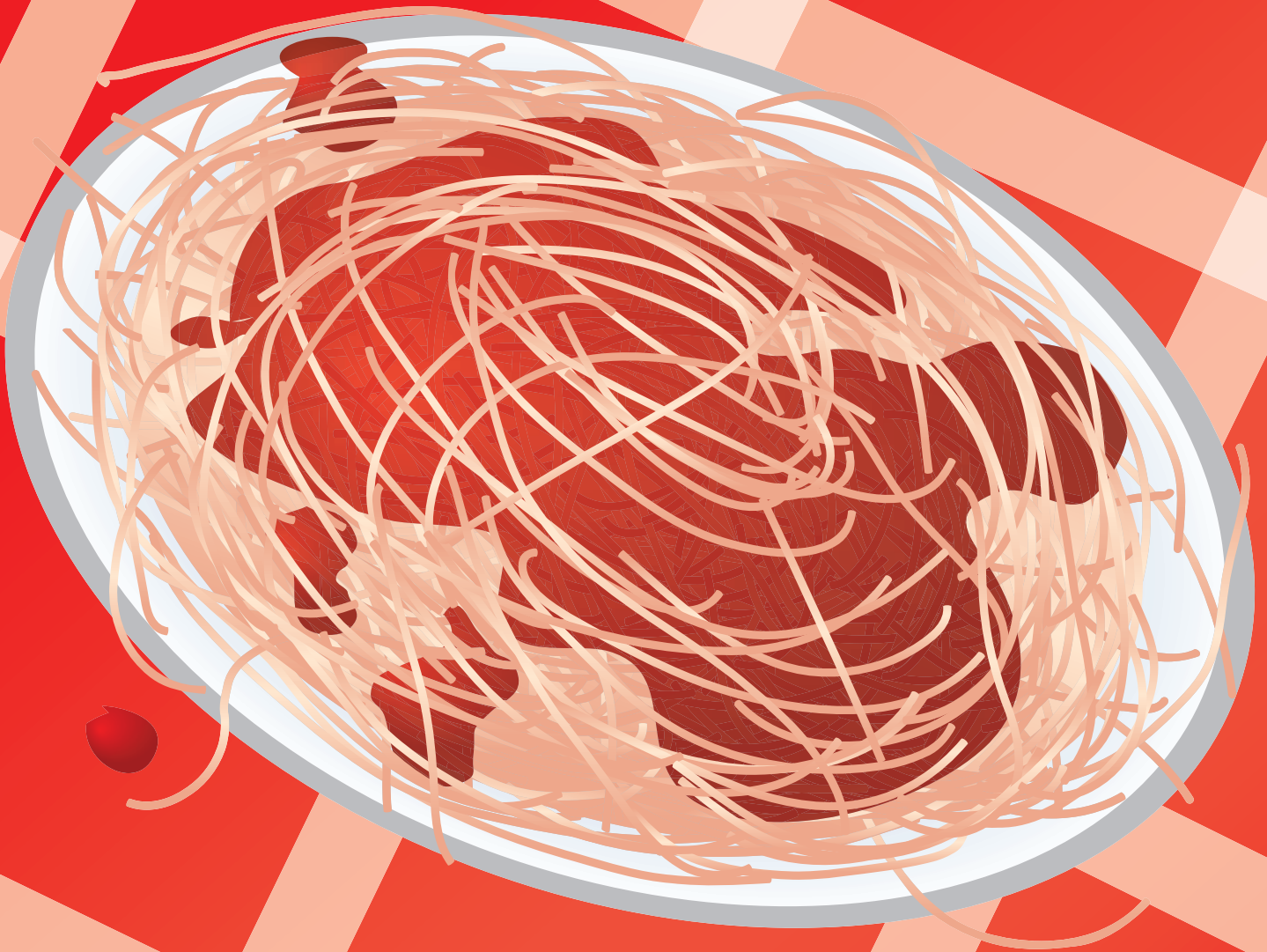
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On Top of Spaghetti

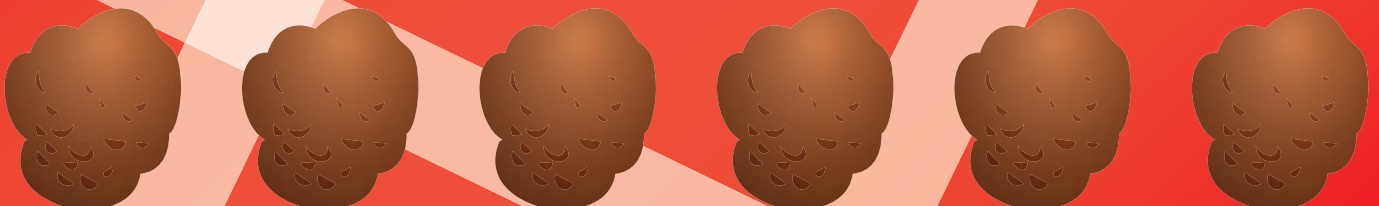
Skill: Pasting objects on the page

Directions: Cut out the meatballs at the bottom of the page and count them with your child. Then, your child will put the meatballs on the spaghetti to make a delicious dinner.

Place objects on the page.



Adult, please cut out the meatballs.



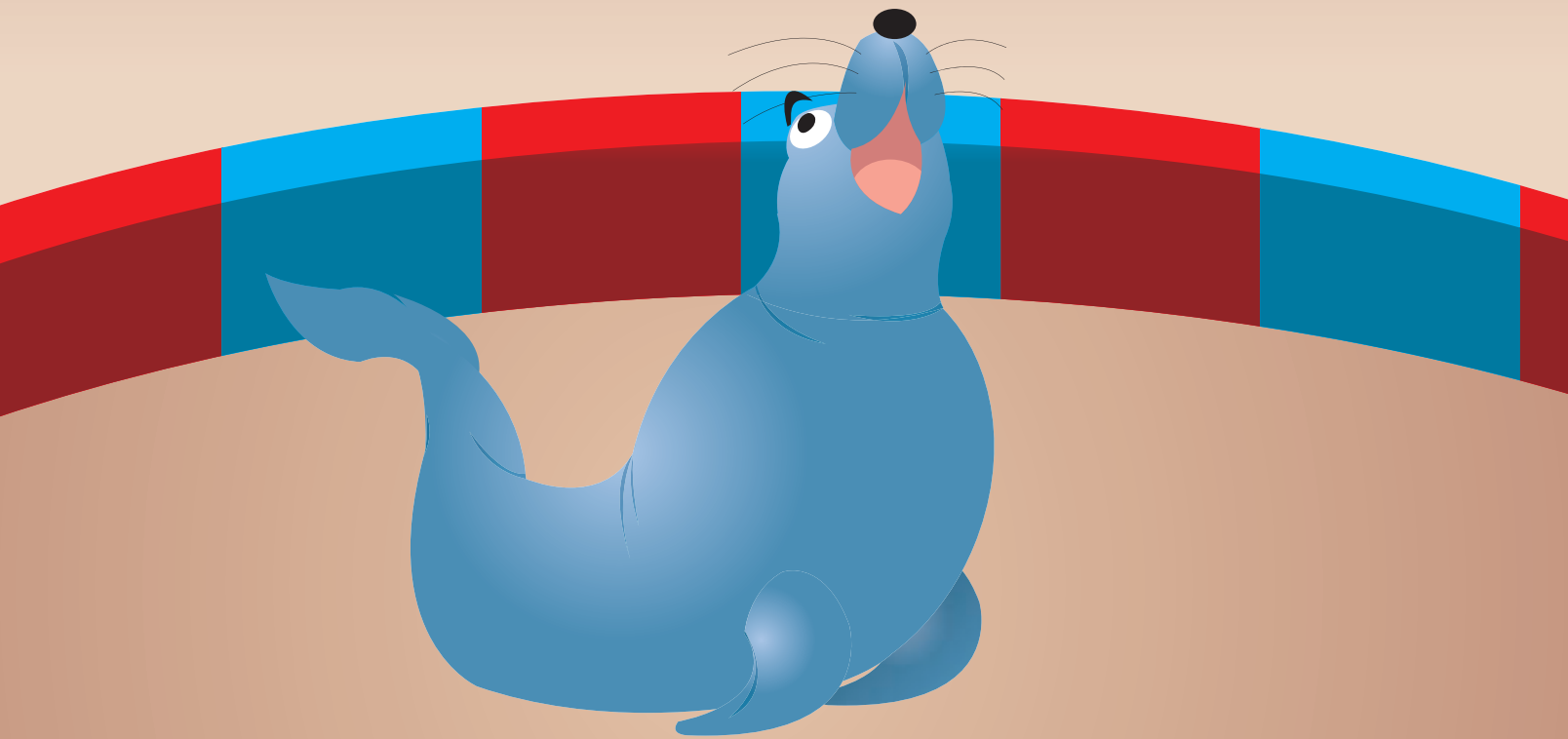
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Circus Seal

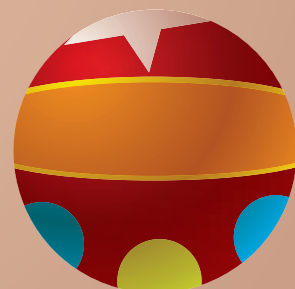
Skill: Pasting objects on a specific spot

Directions: Cut the ball from the bottom of the page and have your child paste it on the seal's nose. Placing an object on a specific spot takes more concentration and precision than the previous activities. Your child can practice by placing the ball on the seal's nose before he or she tries pasting it.

Place objects on a specific spot on the page.



Adult, please cut out the ball.



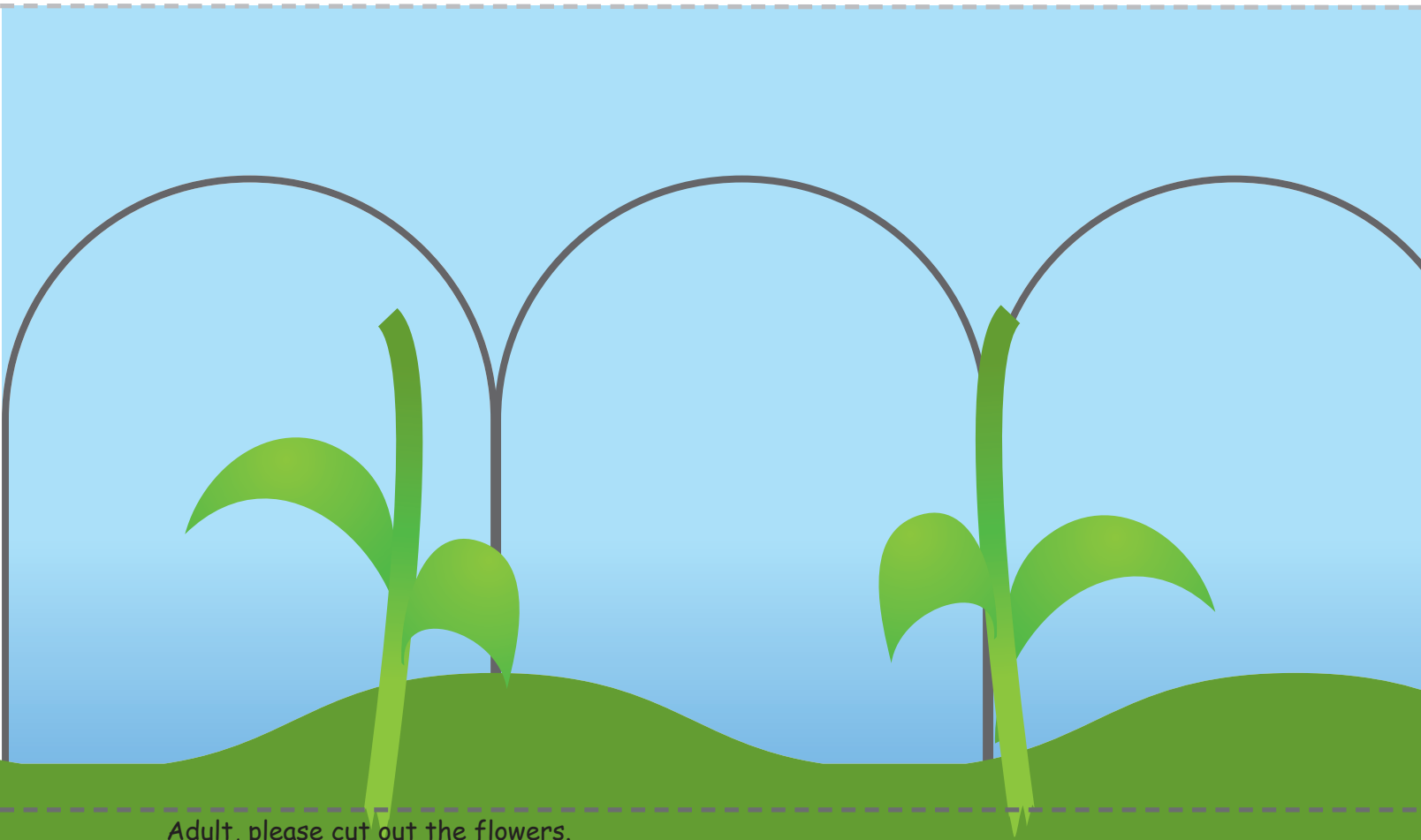
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Flower Garden

Skill: Pasting objects on a specific spot

Directions: Cut the flowers from the bottom of the page and count them with your child. Then, have your child glue the flowers on the stems.

Place objects on a specific spot on the page.



Adult, please cut out the flowers.



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Frog's Balloons

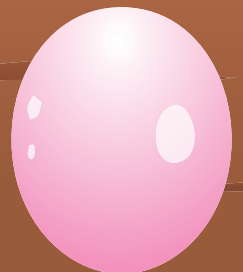
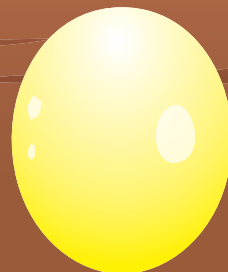
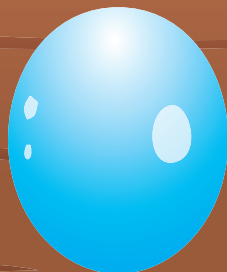
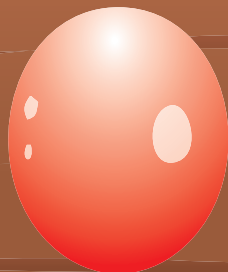
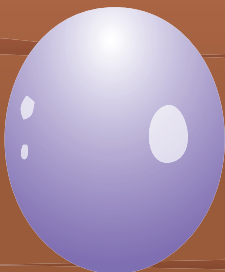
Skill: Pasting objects on a specific spot

Directions: Cut the balloons from the bottom of the page. Then, have your child paste the balloons on the strings. Take this opportunity to review colors with your child. Can he or she name the color of each balloon?

Place objects on a specific spot on the page.



Adult, please cut out the balloons.



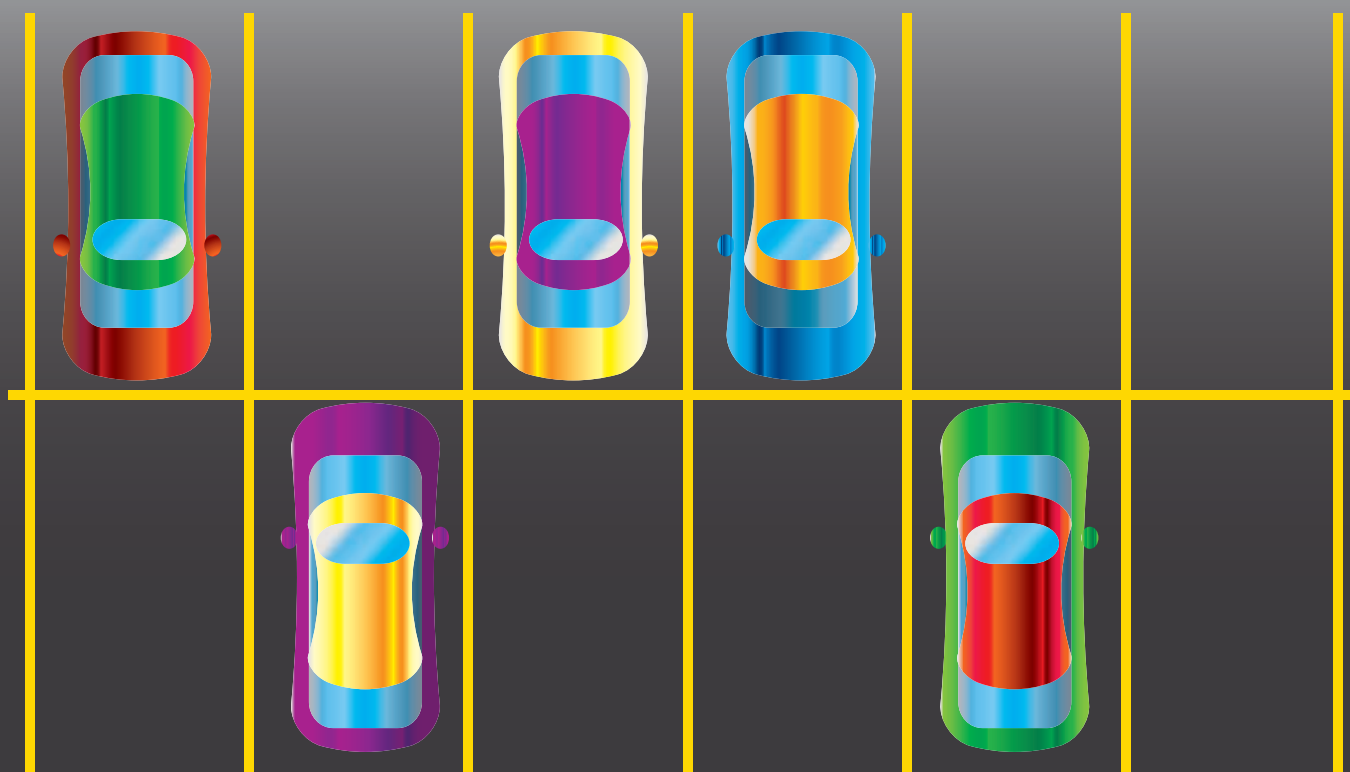
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Park the Cars

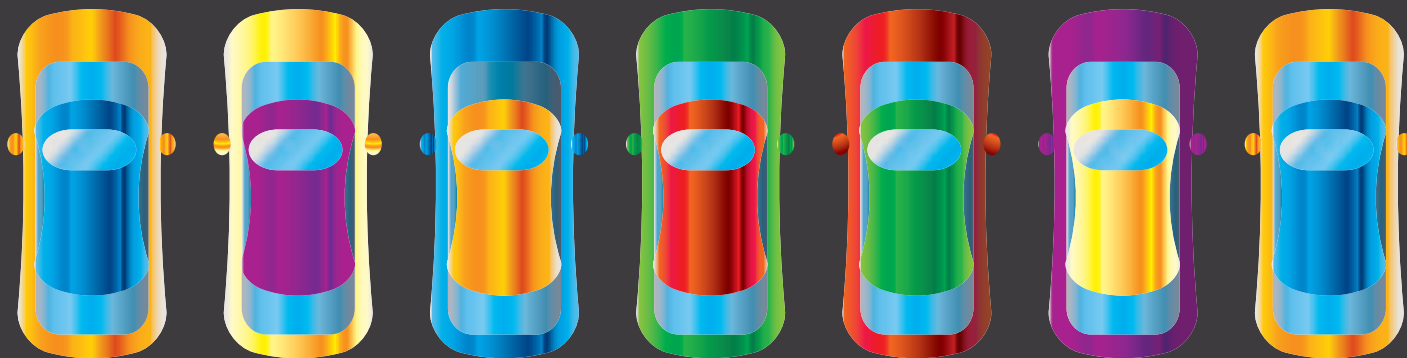
Skill: Pasting objects on a specific spot

Directions: Cut the cars from the bottom of the page. Then, have your child “park” each car in an open parking space.

Place objects on a specific spot on the page.



Adult, please cut out the cars.



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Bear's Buttons

Skill: Pasting small objects

Directions: Cut the buttons from the side of the page. Then, have your child paste each button on top of a black dot on the bear's vest. This activity involves fine-motor control for more precise placement. Encourage your child to practice placing the buttons on the dots before he or she begins pasting.

Place objects on a specific spot on the page.

Adult, please cut out the buttons.



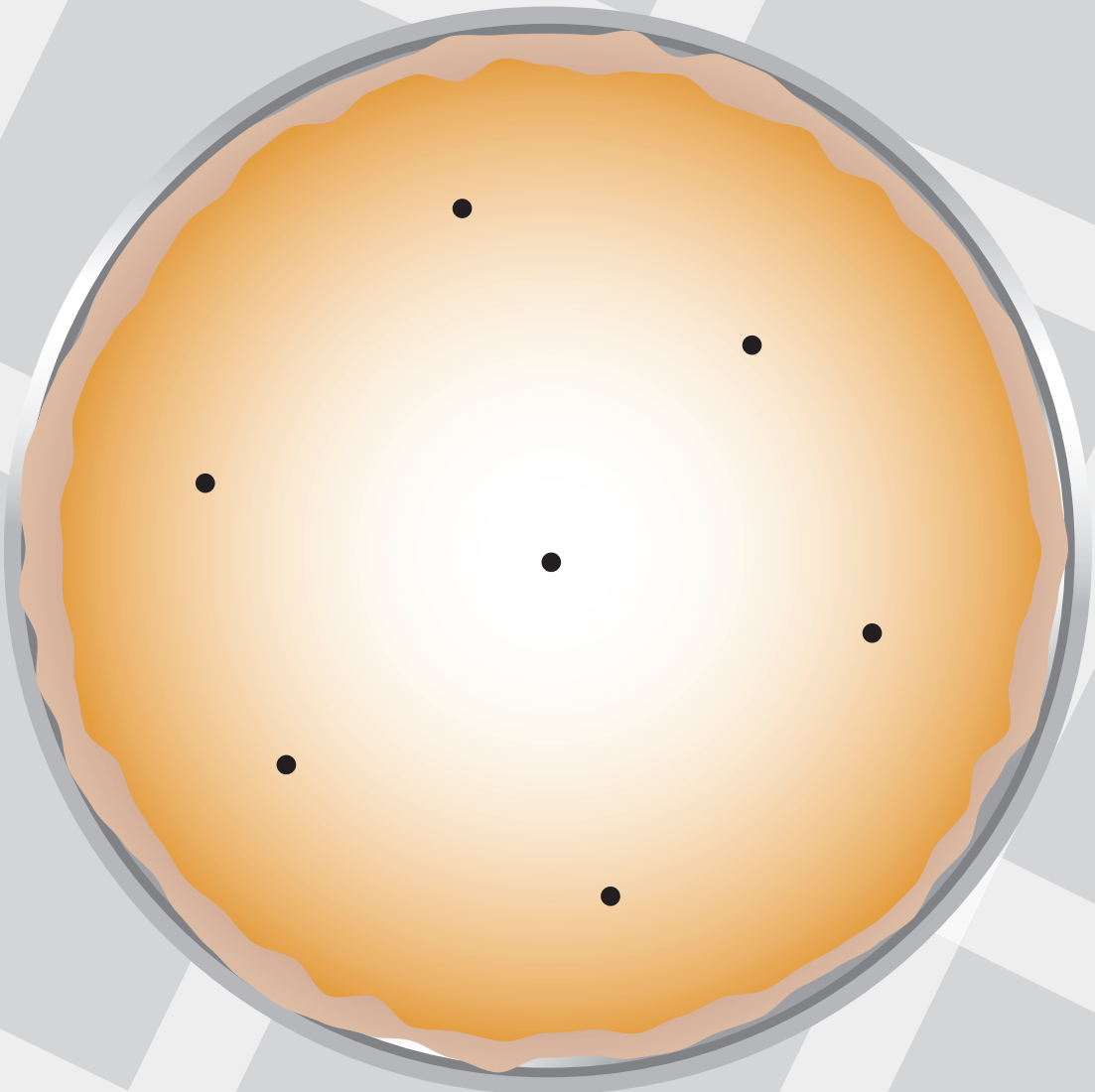
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Pepperoni Pizza

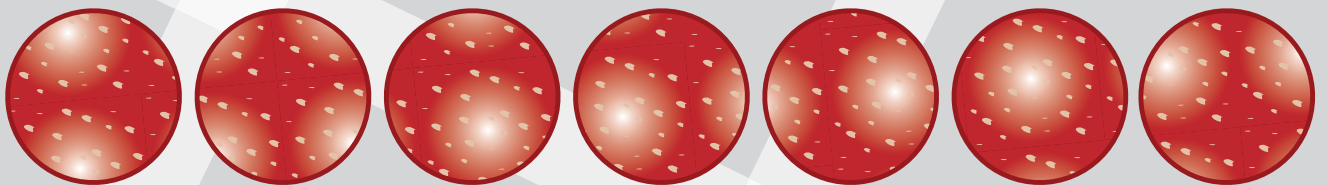
Skill: Pasting small objects

Directions: Cut the pepperoni from the bottom of the page. Then, have your child paste the pepperoni on the pizza so they cover up the black dots. Cut the pizza in half and use it to demonstrate the concept of *part* and *whole*. Introduce these new words as you cut.

Place objects on a specific spot on the page.



Adult, please cut out the pepperoni.



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One Turtle

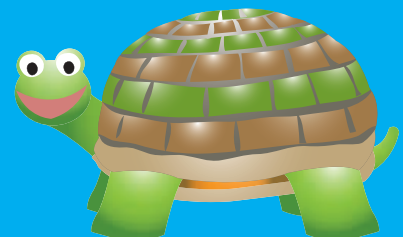
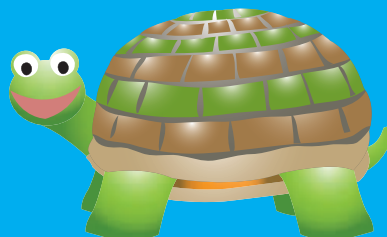
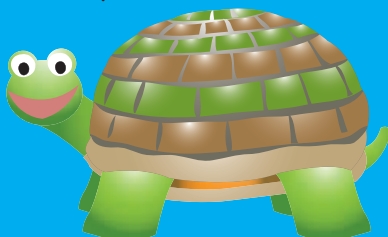
Skill: Learning number 1

Directions: Cut the turtles from the bottom of the page. Count them with your child, touching each one as you count. Then, tell your child to paste **one** turtle on the log. Use the extra pieces in a fun extension activity on page 61.

Learn number 1. Place objects on a specific spot on the page.



Adult, please cut out all the turtles.



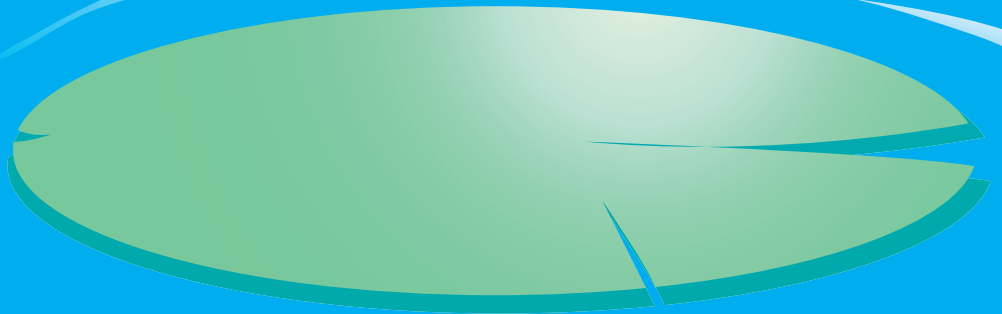
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Two Frogs

Skill: Learning number 2

Directions: Cut the frogs from the bottom of the page. Count them with your child, touching each one as you count. Then, tell your child to paste **two** frogs on the lily pad. Use the extra piece in a fun extension activity on page 61.

Learn number 2. Place objects on a specific spot on the page.



Adult, please cut out all the frogs.



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Three Balls

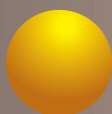
Skill: Learning number 3

Directions: Cut the balls from the bottom of the page. Count them with your child, touching each one as you count. Then, tell your child to paste **three** balls in the air above the clown's head. Use the extra pieces in a fun extension activity on page 61.

Learn number 3. Place objects on a specific spot on the page.



Adult, please cut out all the balls.



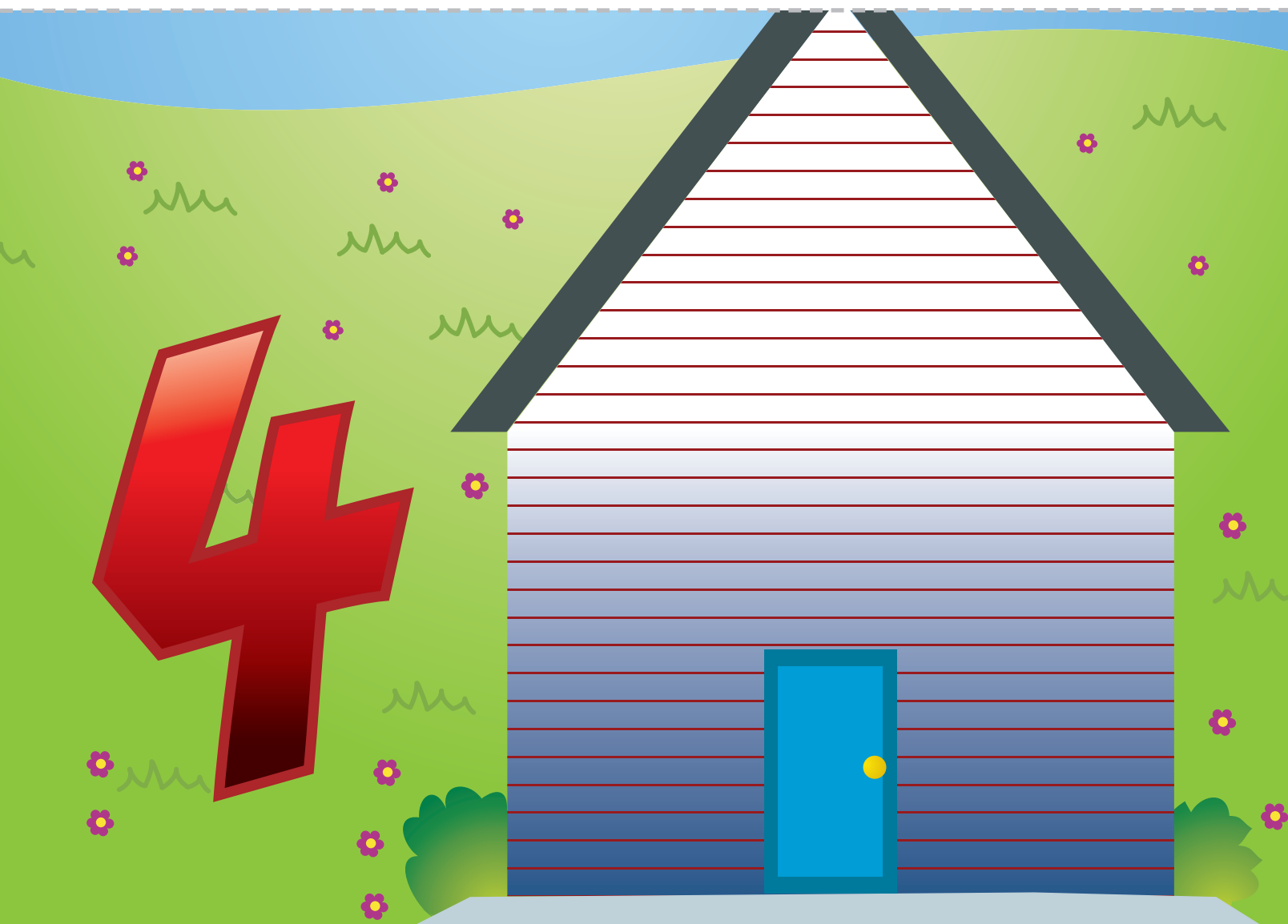
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Four Windows

Skill: Learning number 4

Directions: Cut the windows from the bottom of the page. Count them with your child, touching each window as you count. Then, tell your child to paste **four** windows on the house. Use the extra pieces in a fun extension activity on page 61.

Learn number 4. Place objects on a specific spot on the page.



Adult, please cut out all the windows.



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Flower Petals

Skill: Learning number 5

Directions: Cut the petals from the bottom of the page. See if your child can count them on his or her own. Then, tell your child to paste **five** petals on the flower. Use the extra pieces in a fun extension activity on page 61.

Learn number 5. Place objects on a specific spot on the page.



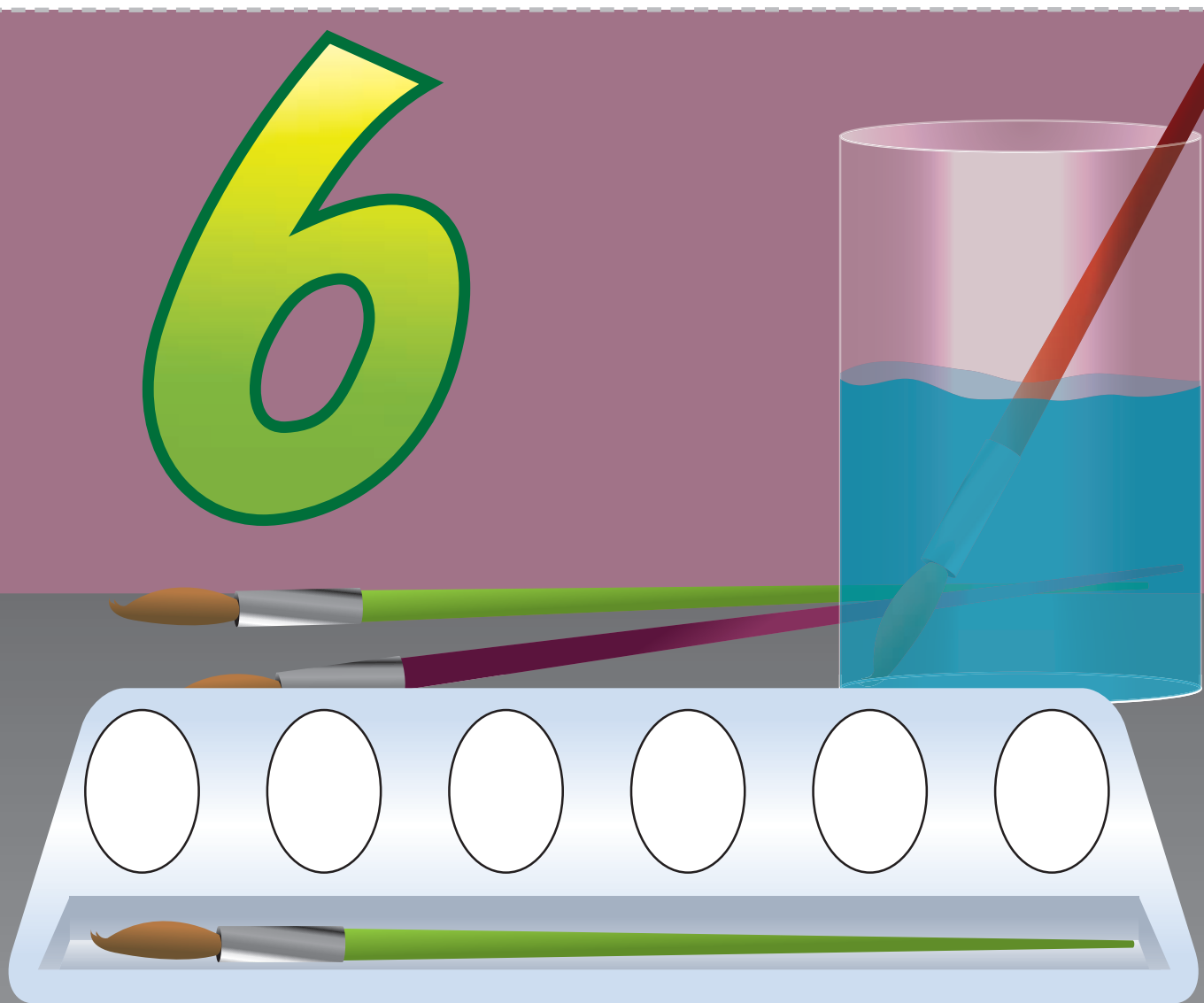
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Watercolor Paint

Skill: Learning number 6

Directions: Cut the paint cakes from the bottom of the page. See if your child can count them on his or her own. Then, tell your child to paste **six** of his or her favorite colors onto the paint set. This is great opportunity to review colors!

Learn number 6. Place objects on a specific spot on the page.



Adult, please cut out all the paint cakes.



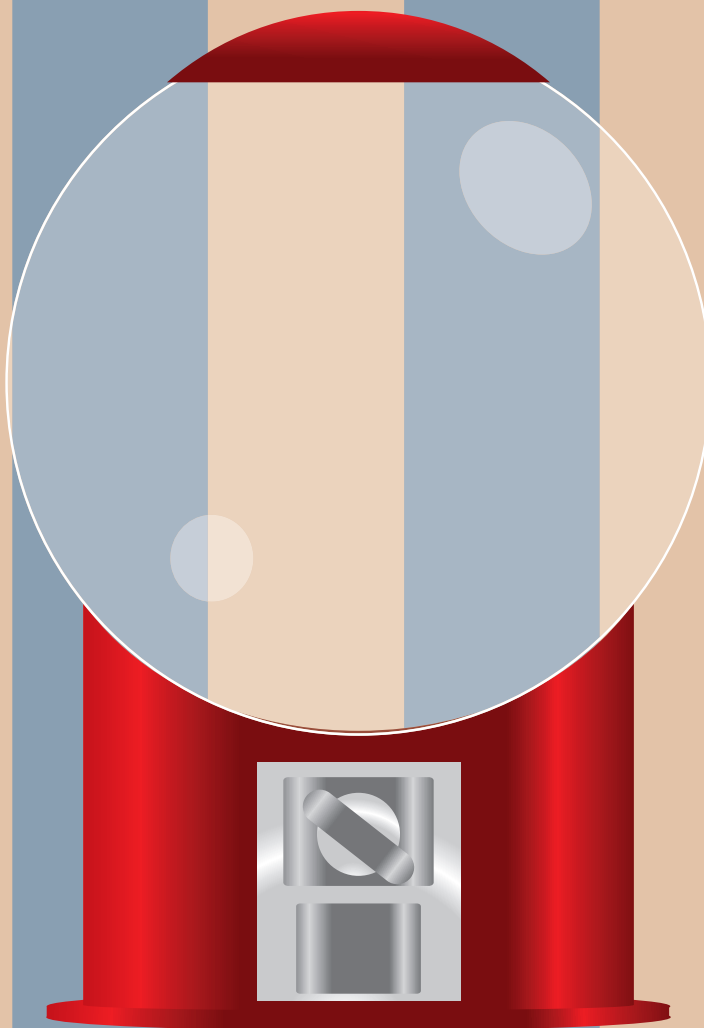
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Gumball Machine

Skill: Learning number 7

Directions: Cut the gumballs from the bottom of the page. See if your child can count them on his or her own. Then, tell your child to paste **seven** gumballs in the gumball machine. Use the extra pieces in a fun extension activity on page 61.

Learn number 7. Place objects on a specific spot on the page.



Adult, please cut out all the gumballs.



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Spider's Legs

Skill: Learning number 8

Directions: Cut the spider legs from the bottom of the page. See if your child is able to count to ten. Then, tell your child to paste **eight** spider legs on the spider's body, four legs on each side. Use the extra pieces in a fun extension activity on page 61.

Learn number 8. Place objects on a specific spot on the page.



Adult, please cut out all the spider legs.



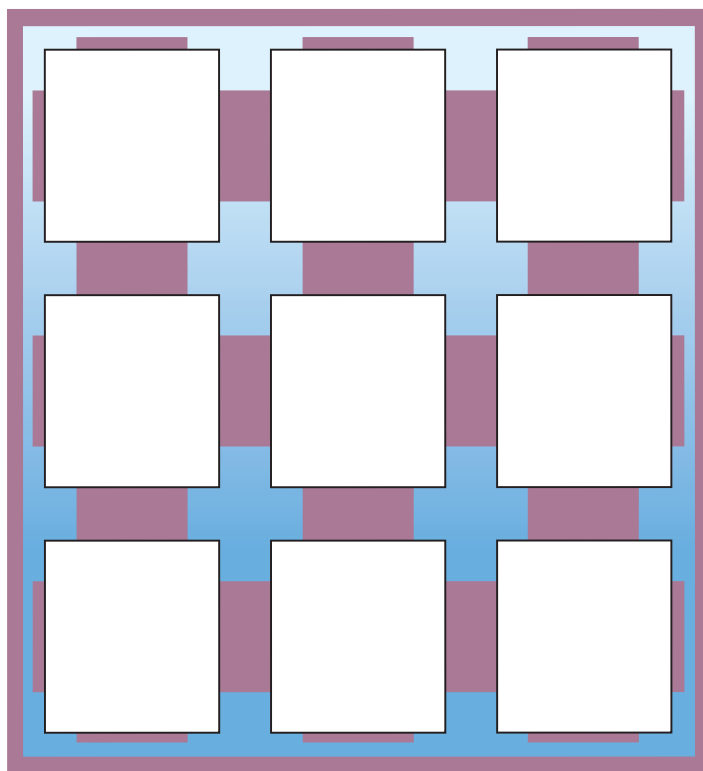
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Cozy Quilt

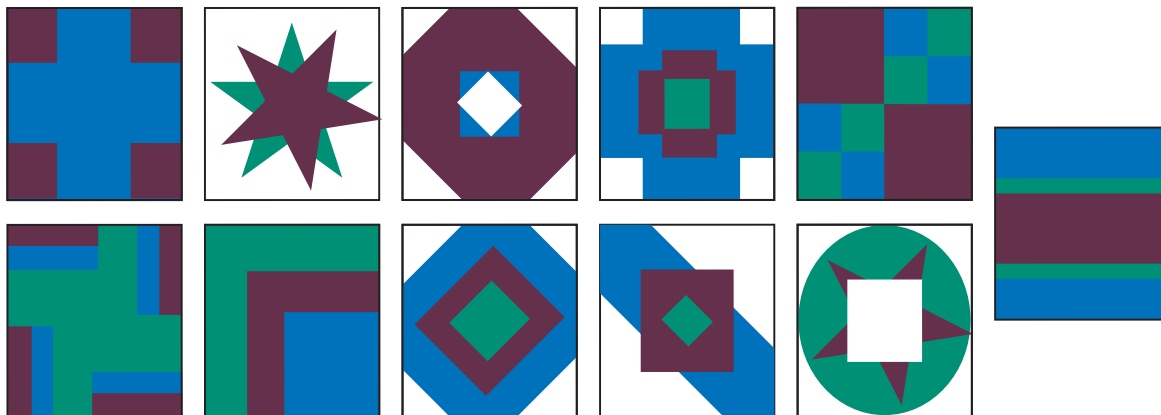
Skill: Learning number 9

Directions: Cut the quilt patches from the bottom of the page. See if your child can count them on his or her own. Then, tell your child to paste **nine** quilt patches to finish the cozy quilt. Ask your child how many quilt patches he or she has left. Your child just learned the basics of subtraction!

Learn number 9. Place objects on a specific spot on the page.



Adult, please cut out all the quilt patches.



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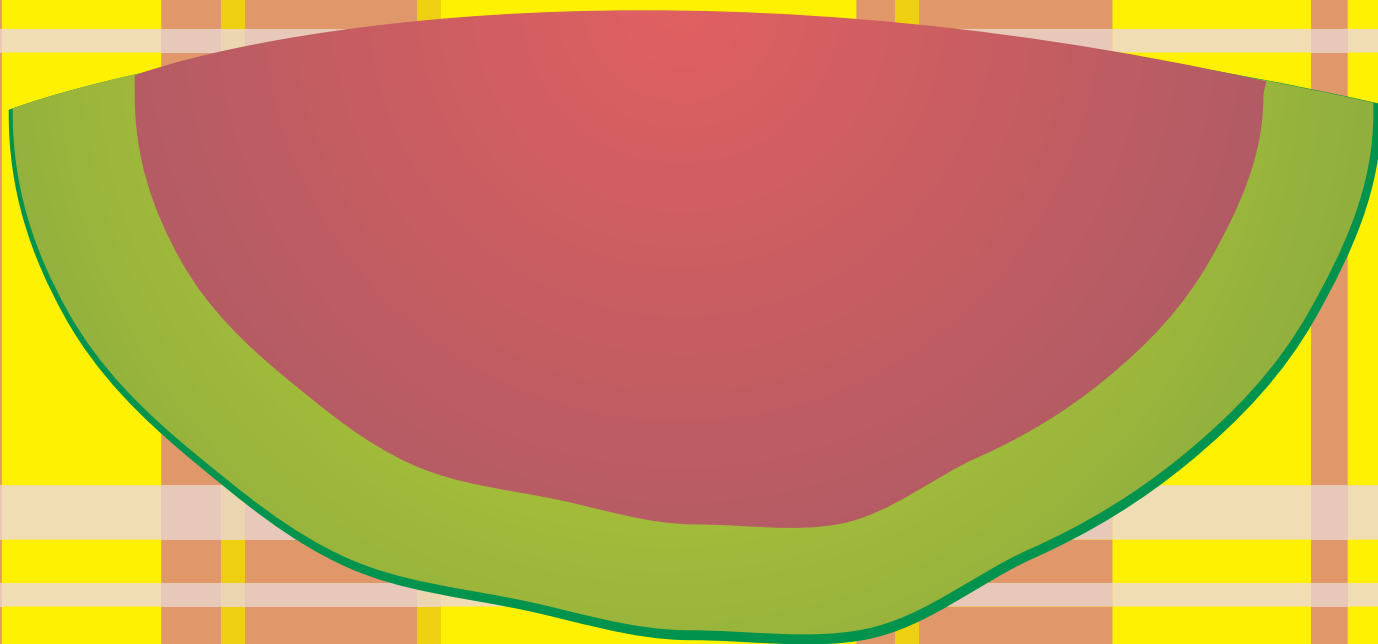
Watermelon

Skill: Learning number 10

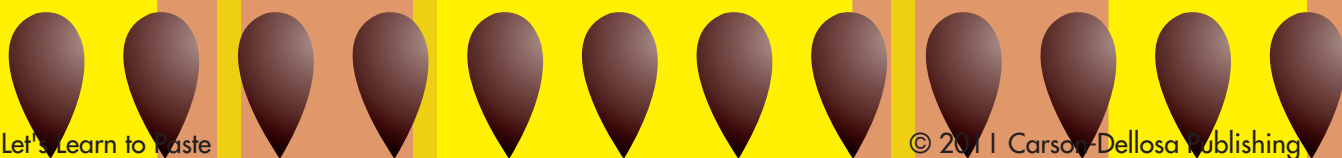
Directions: Cut the watermelon seeds from the bottom of the page. See if your child can count to twelve without your help. Then, tell your child to paste **ten** watermelon seeds onto the juicy watermelon. Practice subtraction again and ask your child how many seeds he or she has left.

Learn number 10. Place objects on a specific spot on the page.

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Adult, please cut out all the watermelon seeds.



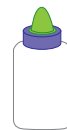
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Taxicab Puzzle

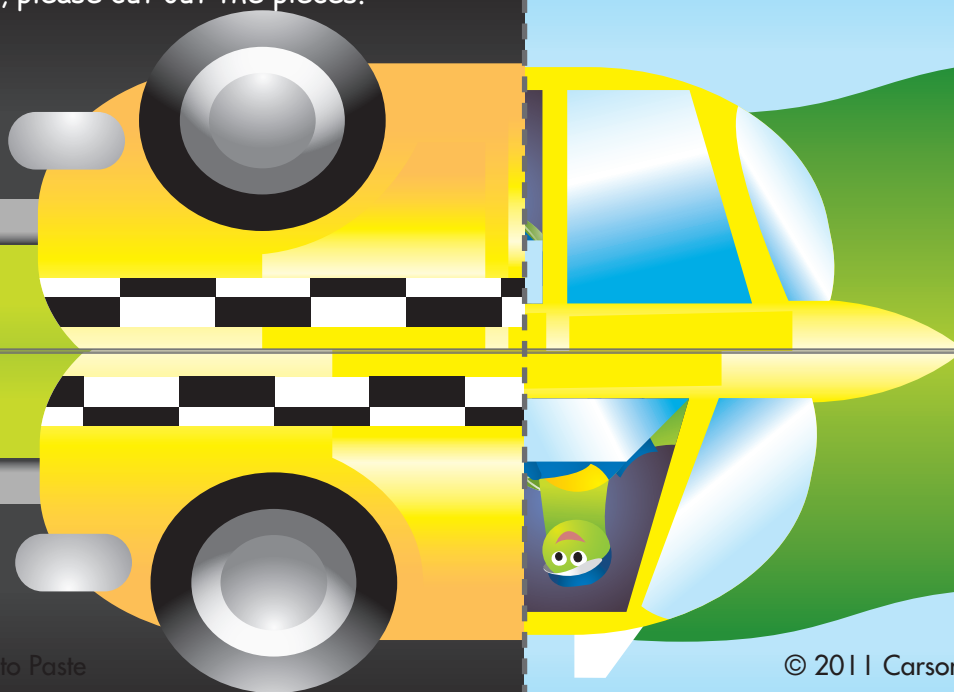
Skill: Pasting pieces together to finish a puzzle

Directions: Cut out the puzzle pieces for your child. He or she will arrange the pieces of the puzzle to make a picture and then paste them on the page.

Paste pieces together to finish a puzzle.



Adult, please cut out the pieces.



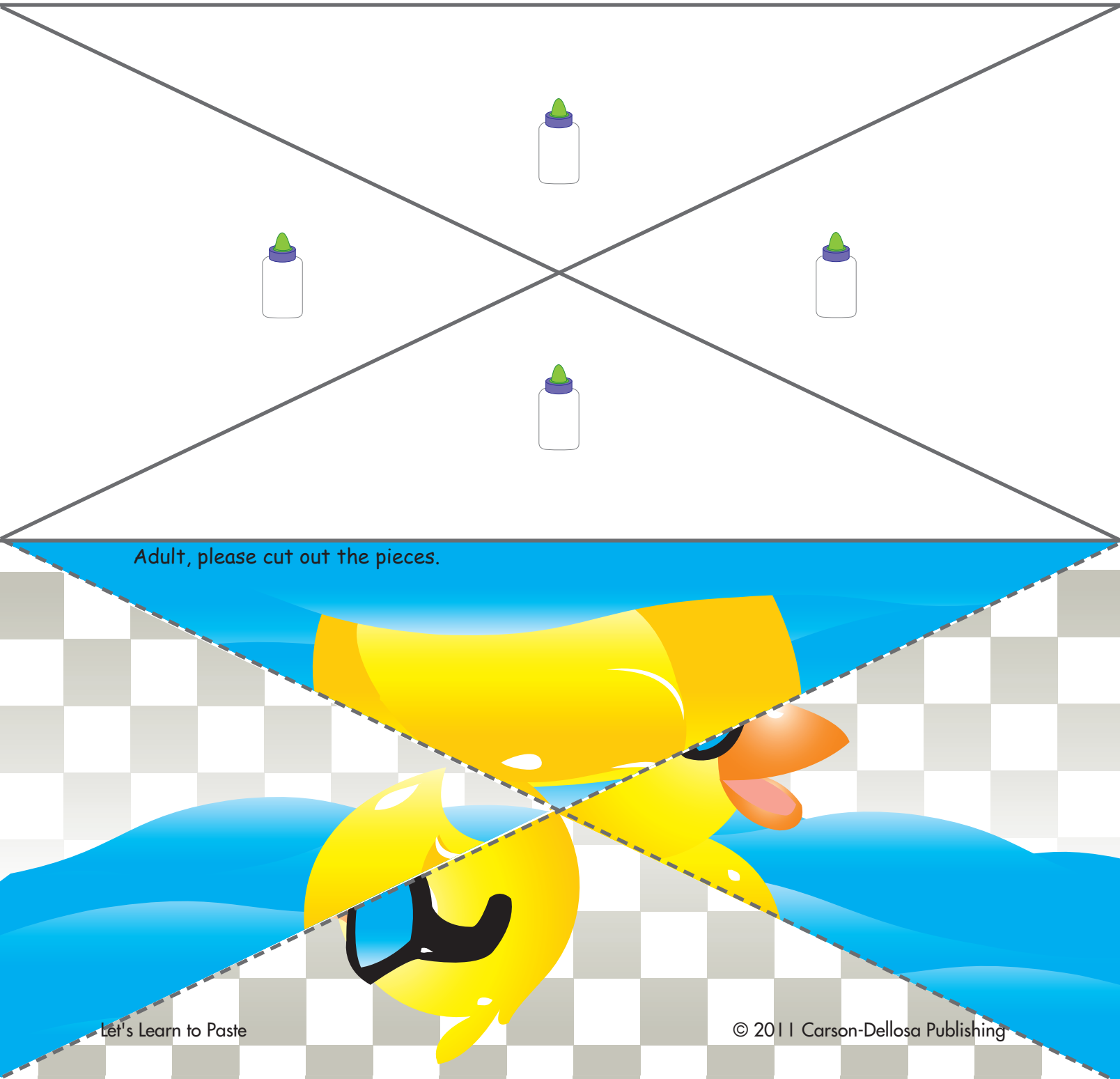
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Rubber Ducky Puzzle

Skill: Pasting pieces together to finish a puzzle

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Paste pieces together to finish a puzzle.



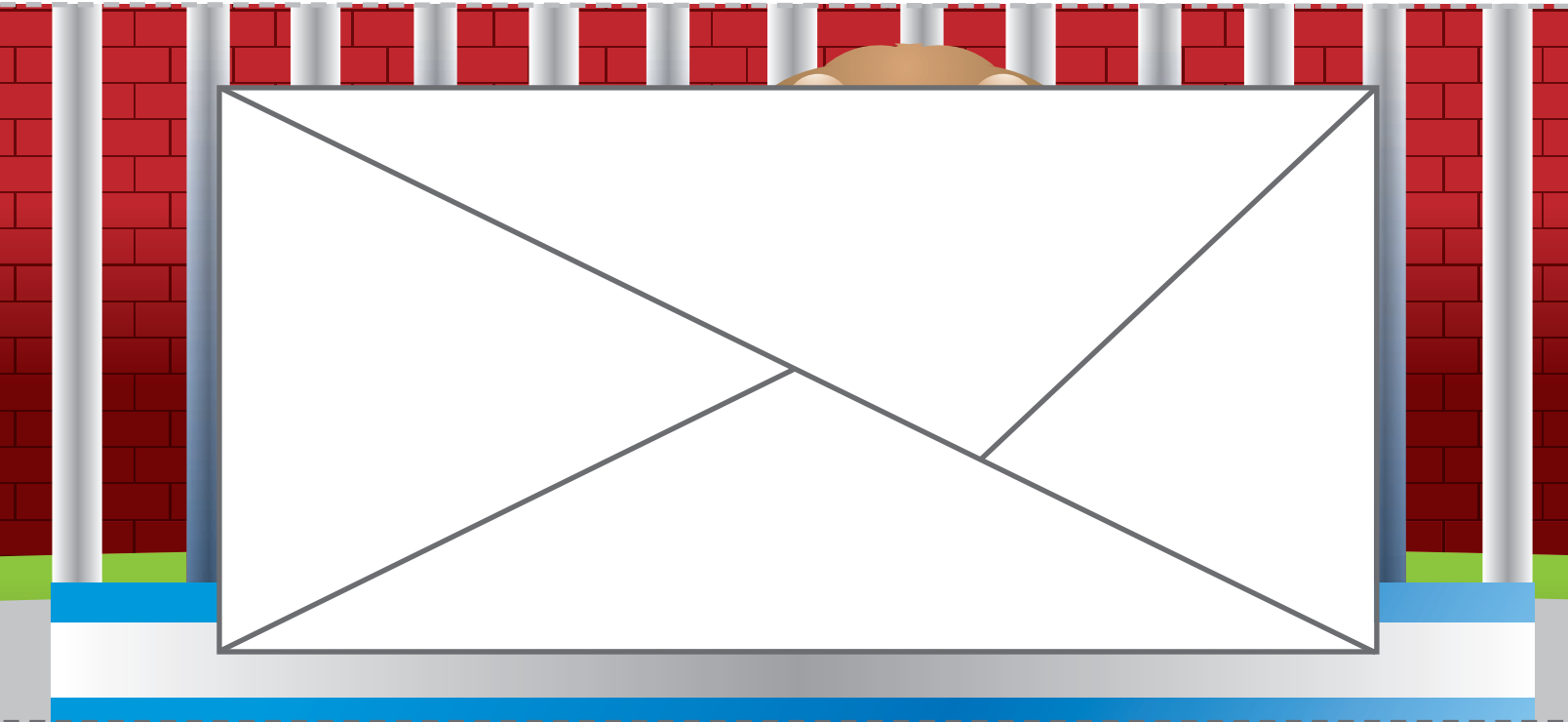
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Who's in the Zoo?

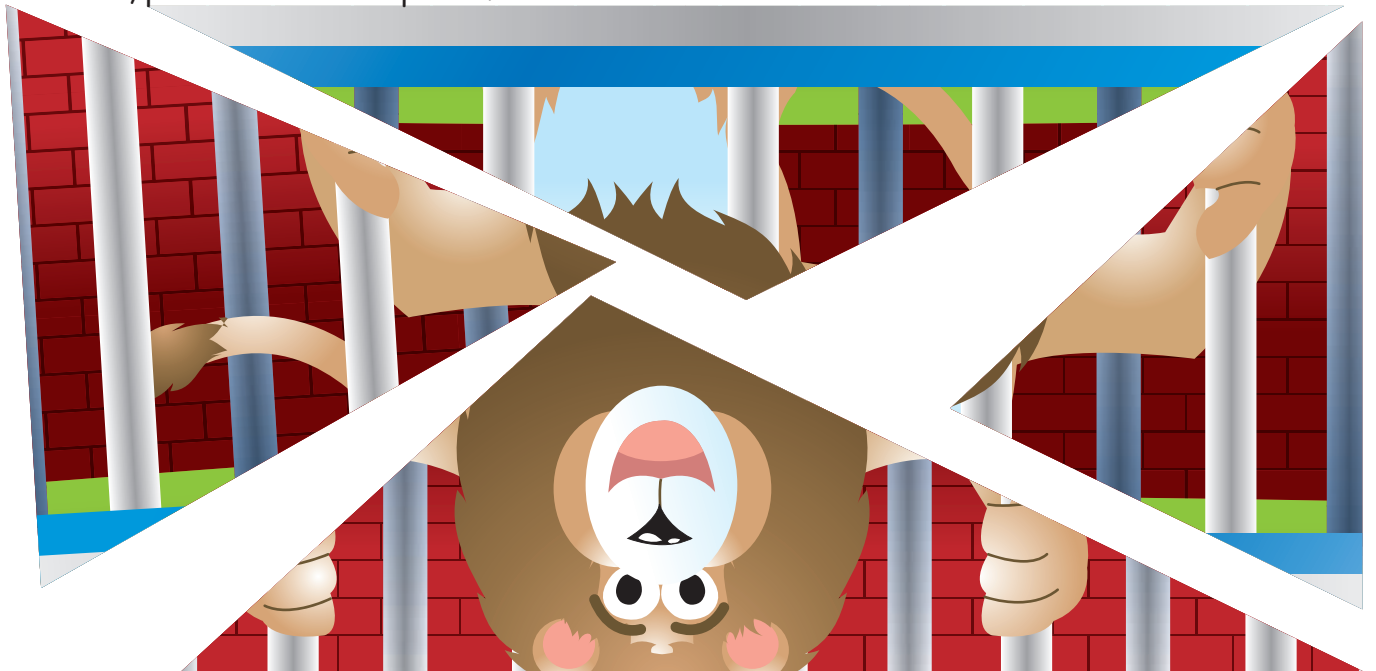
Skill: Matching odd shapes to finish a picture

Directions: Cut out the pieces for your child. Your child will arrange the pieces on the page. Then, he or she will paste them on to finish the picture. Can your child tell you who is in the zoo?

Match and paste odd shapes to finish a picture.



Adult, please cut out the pieces.



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Rub-A-Dub-Dub Puzzle

Skill: Pasting pieces together to finish a puzzle

Directions: Cut out the puzzle pieces for your child. Your child will arrange the pieces of the puzzle to find out who is taking a long, bubbly bath.

Paste pieces together to finish a puzzle.



Adult, please cut out the pieces.



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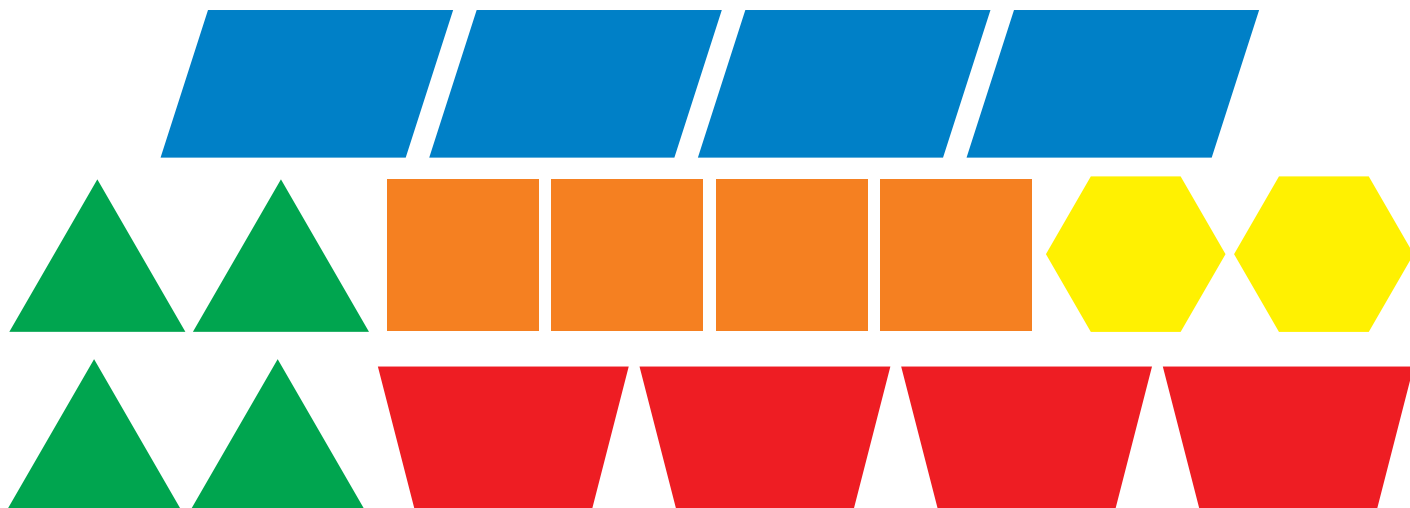
Masterpiece!

Skill: Using pattern blocks to build a picture

Directions: Cut out the pattern block shapes below. Explore them with your child as he or she uses them to make different designs. Ask your child if he or she can name some of the shapes. At the end of the exploration time, instruct your child to paste the shapes in the open space below in any design he or she chooses.

Paste pattern block shapes on a page to make a picture.

Adult, please cut out the shapes.



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Extension Activities for Pasting

Use the following hands-on activities to enhance your child's fine motor development. Keep in mind that the process, not the finished product, is what is important. Work beside your child and model various pasting activities for him or her.

Paper Chain

Your child can use the paper chain he or she created in Activity #1 or paste together strips of scrap paper to create a chain. Your child can use the chain as a calendar counting down to special events. He or she will tear off one link each day. This is a great subtraction activity.

Your child can also make a memory chain. Help your child by writing a milestone or a memory of a special day on a paper link. Your child will keep adding paper links to create a chain of memories.

Collage Book

Help your child make a collage book. Paste or draw a large letter in the middle of the paper. Your child will find pictures that begin with that letter sound and paste them around the letter. Your child can find pictures from magazines or use the leftover shapes from Activity #13 through Activity #22. Focus first on letters that are in your child's name. Then, branch out to other letters in the alphabet.

Counting Game

Collect or buy craft sticks. Write numerals on one set of craft sticks. Add some tempera paint to white glue. Help your child place colored dots of glue on the other set of sticks to correspond with the numerals. Let the glue dry. Then, you and your child can play a matching game, matching the numerals to the dots by counting the dried glue dots on the sticks. See if your child can close his or her eyes and count the number of raised dots on a stick by using his or her fingers.

Puzzle Pieces

Choose pictures from magazines. Cut the picture into halves or fourths. Give them to your child to reassemble and glue onto a piece of paper.

3-D Sculptures

Collect juice bottle caps, foam packing pieces, empty containers, uncooked pasta, dry cereal, cotton balls, cotton swabs, and any other items your child could use to create a sculpture. Your child will use glue to build a sculpture using the materials you provide. This activity provides a great opportunity to talk about ways to recycle or re-use items you might otherwise throw away.

Window Decoration

Provide your child with buttons, a margarine container lid, and a long piece of string. He or she will cover the inside of the lid with a thick layer of glue and add the buttons. You will place the hanging string in the glue so that a good portion of it is hanging off of the glued section and set the lid aside to dry. Then, pop the dried glue out of the lid and hang the decoration in your child's bedroom window. Now, your child has a beautiful window decoration!

Glue Glop

Gather several small glue bottles. Add a teaspoon of tempera paint to each bottle, using a different color in each. Stir with a craft stick. Open the tips of the bottles so that only a small amount of glue can come out.

Give your child a white piece of paper and let him or her drizzle glue on to the paper. Encourage your child to move the bottles around and look at the patterns he or she is creating. Not only is this tons of fun, but it is also a very soothing activity for children. Store your child's creation in a safe place, away from curious hands, and let it dry.

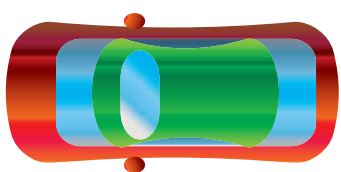
Dot-to-Dot

Mix glue with tempera paint. Help your child place dots of glue on a piece of paper. Let the glue dry. Then, your child can use a crayon to connect the dots.

Your child can also lay a piece of paper over the top of the dried glue and use the side of a crayon to create a rubbing of the dots. He or she can move the paper around and switch crayon colors to create a unique piece of art.



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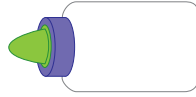


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