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The beaver uses determination and creativity to build houses and dams. It can do things that we would use math to figure out, such as: How many trees will it take to build the dam? How thick will the walls need to be to stand up to the water pressure? How can we build a roof that doesn't cave in?

The old people learned how to build houses by looking at beaver lodges. Harold says, "We learn from every animal. We honour every animal."

The circle in the design stands for the life of the present and a connection to the beyond. Voices heard from the elders are passed along.

The hanging feathers stand for each reservation of the Cowichan Tribes: Somena, Koksilah, Quamichan, Comiaken, Khenipsem, Clem Clem, and Tl'ulpalus.

The colours also have a meaning: red stands for strength, black stands for protection, and green stands for peace.



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Introduction

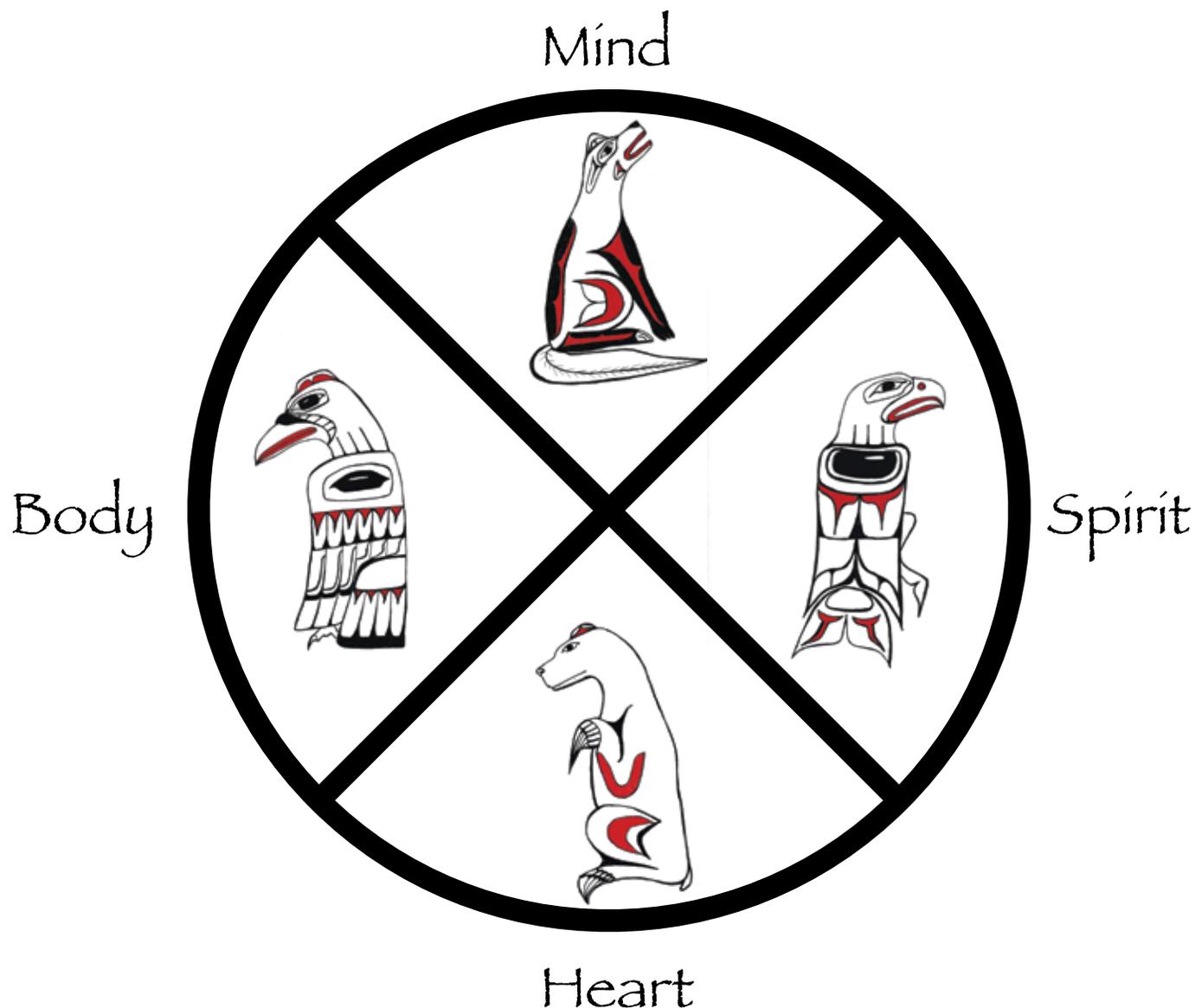
We are all born with a learning spirit, and when we love and care for children, we want to keep their learning spirits alive and well. The activities in this book are designed for families to do together. All the activities will help children learn to think about numbers and shapes and patterns—that is, they will learn to do “math thinking.” But besides the mind, the activities involve the spirit, heart, and body.

Spirit: We want to nourish the learning spirit, so that children become aware of themselves as learners. Activities such as counting out plates for dinner help kids feel that they belong to the family and contribute to family life. They develop a sense of themselves as people who can solve problems. Looking at shapes, numbers, and patterns in nature makes them aware of the beauty and order that surround them.

Heart: When adults do these activities with children, the children feel loved. When the children are successful at the activities, they feel confident and happy to take on another challenge. When the activities contribute to family life, children feel responsible, and proud of their ability to take part.

Body: The activities here all involve doing something. It is not enough to think about things. When you do something in the real world, there is usually a reaction—someone or something does something back. The reaction teaches you something, and you may begin to think in a different way because of it. Sometimes we can’t think of what to do, but something says, “Just try this...” and we do, and it works.





The Teachers of Gifts by Harold Joe, Sr.

Mind: When we think of math, we often think of school math, but children begin to notice and think about numbers from the time they are born. The activities in this book all involve math thinking without worksheets or tests. Making a collection, taking a bath, making a box, braiding your hair, making art—if you do any of these things, you are thinking mathematically.



Spirit, heart, body, and mind are all connected in our lives, and they are connected in the activities in this book. Math is not “all in the head.” When we keep it only in the head, we are out of balance, and cannot do it well. When we balance the spirit, heart, body, and mind, math becomes part of our whole lives, and is not a beast or a barrier.

Three Audiences

This book has three audiences: (1) parents, childcare workers, pre-school teachers, and elementary school teachers—people who work directly with children; (2) facilitators of parenting groups, strong start programs, and family literacy programs—people who work with parents and children together; and (3) Adult Basic Education instructors and tutors who teach basic math to adults. The following sections speak directly to each of these three audiences about how to use the activities in this book.

People Who Care for Children

This book is for people who want to help little kids get ready for school math. It is for people who want to help school kids get better at math, and feel better about it. This book is for parents, grandparents, and foster parents; for people who babysit or do day care; and for teachers. It is for anyone who spends time with kids. Maybe this book is for you!

How can I help?

Maybe you were not good at math yourself. Maybe you hate math, and try not to do any! Yet you see a kid you care about having the same troubles that you had, and you worry.

Maybe you always liked math, and were good at math at school. You want to make sure that your kids have the same good time with math.

Maybe you weren't good at math in school, but you figured out on your own how to do the math you need in your life. Maybe you are proud of the way you figured it



out, or maybe you worry that your way is not good enough.

Whatever you know about math, and however you feel about it, you can help the kids in your life get ready for math, and get better at it. This book will show you some ways to help.

Play is important

You don't need to become a school teacher to help your kids with math. Kids who are in school already have a teacher. That is not your job. You can help by talking and using numbers when the kids are around, inviting your child into activities you do that use numbers, and encouraging thinking and talking about the world around us. You can help connect the math we do every day with school math.

Little kids don't need a teacher. They need to play. When they play they learn. You can help by encouraging them to play. You can help by following their play where they want it to go, not by leading it where you want it to go.

Give them lots of things to play with

These things don't have to cost much. A few plastic tubs from margarine or chip dip in the bath tub can teach kids a lot about bigger and smaller, and about how much different shapes can hold.

Let them sit and watch an ant hill for as long as they want. There will be chances to count ants, to notice that some are bigger or smaller, to notice that some are different colours, and to notice which way they go and how fast or slow they move—many patterns, many things are different, many things are the same. Noticing and finding patterns are math skills.

If your kid isn't interested in ants, but likes beads, the same kind of math thinking can be done with beads—sorting, counting, noticing, finding patterns. You can follow the kid's interests, and help learning by asking questions such as: How many? How many big ones? How many red ones? What patterns do you see?



Keep it real

Let your kids in on the things you do that use numbers. Let him put a plate on the table for every person. Let him put out the forks to match the plates. Let him pay for things himself, and get the change. Take the time to let him take part in real life.

When things are real, they matter

Kids can count to put the forks on the table, or they can count to put stickers in a book. The counting is the same, but the feeling is different. Making sure that there is a fork for everyone in the family is more important than putting stickers in a book, and your child knows that. Let him be proud to help and to be a part of the family.

When things are real, you know when you get it right

When a kid is counting out forks for dinner, it's easy for her to see when she gets it right or wrong. When she sees that everyone has a fork, she knows she counted well. If someone doesn't have a fork, she knows she made a mistake, and can fix it easily by going to get another fork. If she makes a mistake in a workbook, she can't tell if she's right or wrong; if you tell her she's wrong, there is no reason to fix it.

Let them make mistakes

When kids are learning to talk, they make lots of mistakes, and no one cares. A 3-year-old child will say "pusketty" instead of spaghetti for a long time, and no one gets worried. Most people think it is cute. Some parents start to say "pusketty" too, just to keep the kid company. Some parents are careful to say it correctly so the kid hears it the right way many times. After a while, some parents help the child to say it correctly; other parents just wait until the kid grows enough to be able to say the "sp" sound. But everyone agrees it's normal to make mistakes when you are learning to talk.

In the same way, when a kid is learning to count, he will make lots of mistakes. Sometimes he starts at 5 instead of 1. Sometimes he counts the same thing twice;



sometimes he misses one thing; sometimes he gets the numbers in the wrong order. All this is normal, so don't worry about it. You don't have to correct him. Be glad that he thinks counting is fun.

How a child learns to use math

Math is a tool we can use to solve all kinds of problems. How many hot dogs should we cook for a crowd? When should I leave home to get to school on time? What is the best way to arrange things in my closet?

You want your kid to learn how to use math as a tool. You want your kid to be able to solve some problems for herself. Four steps will help your kids learn to use math to solve problems: notice, think, do, talk.

Notice

Kids are born to pay attention to what goes on around them. That's the way they learn. Sometimes kids learn to shut down, and then it's hard for them to learn new things.

How can you encourage your child to notice what's going on? Pay attention to whatever he pays attention to. Show you are interested by smiling or asking a question. Tell him that you have noticed the same thing, or that you have noticed something else.



Think

A child will think about things she notices. Why is it different today than yesterday? Why won't the door close? How did that happen? Where did it go? When will it all change?

How can you encourage your child to think? Give her lots of chances to see and hear and play in different places and with different people. Don't give her all the answers—let her think and come up with her own answers.



Do

A child has to do something besides thinking to solve a problem. He has to decide what to do, and then he has to do it and see what happens.

Then more noticing and thinking goes on. Did it work the way he wanted? Is he on the right track? Did he solve the problem?

How can you encourage your child to do something about a problem?

First, find him a safe place to play, so he can move and take things apart and put them together without hurting himself. Then let him do it. Notice what he is doing. Use your words to talk about what you see him doing. Don't tell him what to do, just notice the directions he's going in.

**Talk**

When your child talks about what she has done to solve the problem, it gives her words to help her think some more. It gives her words to help her remember. It gives her words to help her understand.

How can you encourage your child to talk?

The most important thing you can do is listen.

***Activities to do with kids***

You will find lots of things to do with your kids in the pages that follow. You know what your kids like to do. Pick some activities that you think you can have fun with, and that your kids will like to do. You can do them in any order.

The activities start on page 12.



Books, DVD's and websites

The lists start on page 101. Have fun reading, playing games and watching the DVD's with your kids.

People Who Work with Parents

If you work with parents who want to help their kids succeed in school, you can use the activities in this manual with your group. The goal of the activities is to help parents nurture their children's math thinking and working, and to develop children who love math, who can solve problems in daily life by using numbers, patterns, and shapes, and who are confident in their abilities and proud of their contributions to family life.

Aboriginal parents made up the majority of people who tested the activities, and the manual was designed to include them and their children.

You can use the activities in any order. The activities are grouped in themes to make it easy to find material to interest the group you are working with. Each activity has variations to take into account different levels of math skill and other abilities.

Instructions and supporting materials for parents are written in plain English so that even those parents who may not read or speak English well can use them.

There are three kinds of material for parents here:

1. The material in the preceding section of this introduction.
2. The supporting material and directions for doing the activities that make up the main body of this manual. You can decide how much, if any, of this material to make available to the parents in your group.
3. The material designed for parents to take home after a group session. This may be a pattern for building something or a game board or score sheet for the game they have learned in the group, or a full-page poster designed to go on the fridge to remind parents of the highlights of the session.

Working with parents who hate math

Many parents do not have good math skills and/or do not feel confident about their



What evidence was there that the kid didn't understand? All these questions will help your students think about, talk about, and do the math in your class.

Ask them to preview the books and DVD's listed in the appendices. Which would they recommend? Then ask them to check out their recommendations with their kids.

A Math Kit for Parents

In order to do the activities at home, parents need the following items. The parents who tested the activities received a kit at the beginning of the program, so they could make use of them at any time.

- a pair of good scissors for adults
- 2 decks of cards
- a set of 5 dice
- a glue stick
- a few brads for holding sheets of paper together to make a book or a play clock
- a pack of score cards for "Roll Them and Win"
- a tape measure
- a set of measuring cups and spoons
- graph paper

Additional items would be useful: a Rumoli game with poker chips, a set of scissors for children's use, felt pens, and a set of shapes such as pattern blocks, available from many teacher supply stores or online at <http://www.arteducational.ca/index.php>.

Resources

Appendices B, C and D are lists of books, online links and DVD's for kids of all ages.



This Old Man

This old man, he plays 1,
 He plays knick-knack on my thumb.
 With a knick-knack paddy-whack, give the dog a bone,
 This old man goes rolling home.

*Knock on the place mentioned in each verse, when
 you say "knick-knack" on the third line, knock,
 then clap for "paddy-whack," and
 pretend to give the dog a bone.*

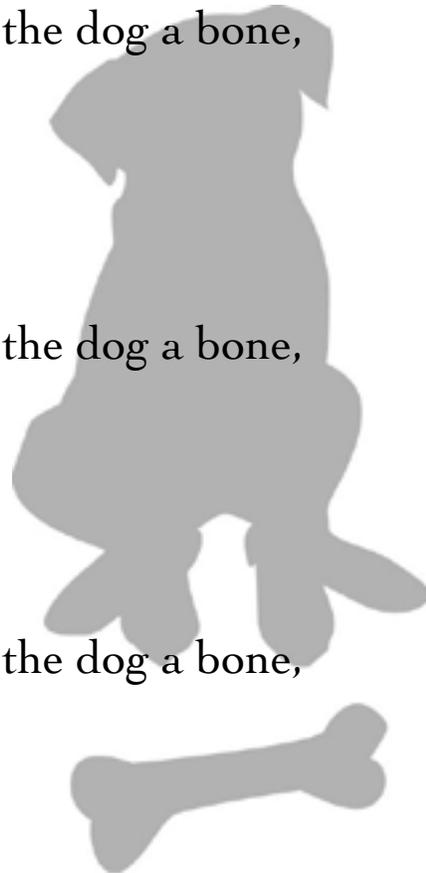
*On the last line, roll your forearms
 around each other.*

This old man, he plays 2,
 He plays knick-knack on my shoe.
 With a knick-knack paddy-whack, give the dog a bone,
 This old man goes rolling home.

This old man, he plays 3,
 He plays knick-knack on my knee.
 With a knick-knack paddy-whack, give the dog a bone,
 This old man goes rolling home.

This old man, he plays 4,
 He plays knick-knack on my floor.
 With a knick-knack paddy-whack, give the dog a bone,
 This old man goes rolling home.

This old man, he plays 5,
 He plays knick-knack while he does a dive.
 With a knick-knack paddy-whack, give the dog a bone,
 This old man goes rolling home.



This old man, he plays 6,
He plays knick-knack with some sticks.
With a knick-knack paddy-whack, give the dog a bone,
This old man goes rolling home.

This old man, he plays 7,
He plays knick-knack 7 to 11.
With a knick-knack paddy-whack, give the dog a bone,
This old man goes rolling home.

This old man, he plays 8,
He plays knick-knack at my gate.
With a knick-knack paddy-whack, give the dog a bone,
This old man goes rolling home.

This old man, he plays 9,
He plays knick-knack on my spine.
With a knick-knack paddy-whack, give the dog a bone,
This old man goes rolling home.

This old man, he plays 10,
He plays knick-knack over again.
With a knick-knack paddy-whack, give the dog a bone,
This old man goes rolling home.



Ten in a Bed

Ten in a bed
And the little one said, "Roll over, roll over."
They all rolled over and one rolled out...
Nine in a bed
And the little one said, "Roll over, roll over."
They all rolled over and one rolled out...
Eight in a bed
And the little one said, "Roll over, roll over."
They all rolled over and one rolled out...
Seven...
Six...
Five...
Four...
Three...
Two...
One in a bed
And the little one said,
"Good night!"



Math at Home

All kinds of play can help your child with math, in the same way as play helps her learn to talk and understand language.

Here are some things your child will do that will show he is learning math:

- puts small things inside big things, and tries to put big things into small things.
- guesses whether something will fit in a space.
- piles things up until the tower falls down.
- asks and understands “when?”

Kids don’t need fancy toys to discover math—they need time to play and notice and try things out. You can help by letting them play.

Activity 2 How Much Does It Hold?

➤a *When your child can sit up in the bath tub*

Put some empty plastic tubs into your child’s bathtub. Use many different sizes and shapes—tubs that held chip dip, margarine, ice cream, yoghurt, for example. Watch what happens! Your child will use one tub to fill up another, will try to pour all the water in a big tub into a smaller one, will find out that many dips with a small tub



are needed to fill a big one, and will feel the difference between pouring a small tub over his head and pouring a big one. This is math learning.

➤a *When your child can pour without spilling*

Get all the mugs and cups out and ask your child to find which one holds the most, so that a special person can have a really big cup of coffee.

Get all the glasses out and ask your child to find which ones hold the most, and the least, so you'll know next time you're having juice or pop.

➤a *If you're interested in baking*

Get a set of measuring cups and ask some questions, like these:

How many halves in a whole cup? How many quarters? How many thirds? Which is bigger: a quarter or a half?

Later, ask your child to help you double a recipe for a crowd, or cut a recipe in half.



Bath Play is Math Play!



1/4 cup



1/2 cup



1 cup

Activity 3 Numbers That Name Things

Sometimes a number is a name. For example, you might know someone who lives in apartment 205. We use the number 205 to name the apartment, but it is not a counting number. Usually there are not 205 apartments in one building. The “2” tells us the apartment is on the second floor, and the “5” tells us which apartment it is. 205 helps us name the apartment so it is different from any other apartment in the building.

Your child can get to know some numbers that name things long before he can count very far.

➤ *TV channels*

What’s the number of his favourite cartoon channel? Let him find the number on the remote and press it. When it’s time for him to play quietly so YOU can have some quiet time, let him find the channel for your favourite show. Let him press the button on the remote and get everything fixed up for you.

➤ *Bus routes*

What’s the number of the bus you take home? Show her the number, and show her where to find it on the bus. Then let her watch all the buses come by until she finds the one that will take you home. This is an important job.

➤ *Floors of buildings*

Are you waiting for an elevator? Watch the numbers above the elevator change as the elevator comes to get you. Count them down, or up. Once you’re inside, let him press the button that will send the elevator to where you want to go. Watch the numbers above the door as you ride up or down, so you’ll know when to get out.

➤ *Phone numbers*

Who do you have on speed dial? Teach your child those numbers, and let her make the call when it’s time to call. (Yes, you probably want to keep the phone out of



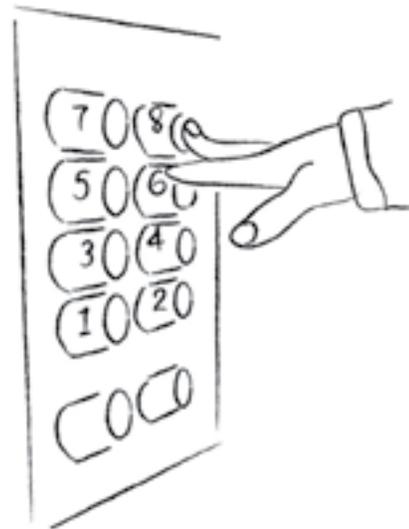
reach most of the time.) Teach her about 9-1-1. Who knows when she'll need it?
Teach her to call home. When she's a teenager, you'll be glad she calls.

➤a Addresses

Teach him his own address. If he's lost, or calling 9-1-1, he'll need it.



Sometimes a number is a name!



Activity 4 Learning the Numbers

➤ *Count everything*

Count out loud as you go through the day with your child. Count the stairs as you climb up or down; count the knives and forks as you get them out or put them away; count the steps as you dance.

➤ *Hunt for a special number*

Take a day to look for things that come in 1's—1 nose; 1 mouth; 1 kid named “Franny”; 1 clown at the mall; 1 eagle in the sky; and so on. Don't count anything else—just things that you only see 1 of. Another day, look for things that come in 2's—2 eyes; 2 hands; 2 shoes; 2 socks; 2 dogs; 2 cups of tea; 2 wheels on a bicycle. Don't count anything else—just things that you see 2 only of. Another day, look for things that come in 3's—3 wheels on a tricycle; 3 crows; 3 kids; 3 legs on a stool. Don't count anything else—just things that you only see 3 of. Another day, look for things that come in 4's—4 wheels on a car; 4 pieces of apple; 4 flowers on a stem; 4 people waiting for a bus; 4 legs on a table. Another day, look for things that come in 5's—5 fingers on a hand; 5 toes on a foot; 5 pennies; 5 ducks.

Read some of the counting books from the list on page 101.

Activity 5 Make a Counting Book

➤ *For some ideas about how to make a book, see Appendix A.*

- Collect pictures, either from magazines or photos. If you are using magazines, look for many different pictures of the same thing (for example, dogs or cars or houses or leaves or shoes). You will need pictures of at least 10 different things, with many pictures of each thing.
- On the first page of your book, make a large “1.” Let your child pick 1 picture to paste on this page.



- On the next page, make a large “2.” Let your child pick 2 pictures of the same thing and paste both pictures on the page (for example, 2 dogs).
- On the next page, paste 3 pictures of the same thing (for example, 3 salmon) and so on up to 10. Use the back of the previous page to give you more room for pictures if you need it.

You can write the name of the things if you like (i.e., 2 dogs) or just the number (2).

You can make the same kind of counting book using photographs. They are more difficult to use, but more meaningful. You will need photos with 1 person in it, with 2, 3, or more. Help your child with picking out the right category for each number. For example, 1 baby, 2 brothers, 3 aunties, 4 cousins, 5 uncles, etc.

➤a An older child learning to read and write numbers could make this book for a younger sibling just learning to count to 10.

Activity 6 Laundry: The Math of Sets

➤a *Do the wash*

- Little kids can help sort the clothes before the wash.
- Someone can measure the soap and put it in.
- After everything is dry, kids can help sort things into piles—all the socks, all the towels, all the T-shirts.
- Bigger kids can match the socks and put them into pairs and make piles of the clothes after they’ve been folded, so Peter’s T-shirts are all together and separate from Mary’s.
- Anyone can help fold. Lots of math there—when you fold a towel, does it matter if you make the first fold crosswise or lengthwise? Can you make a triangle? How many times do you fold a sheet in half to make it fit on the shelf?



Math at the Laundry

Kids can sort, measure, and fold!



- When things are all folded, the sets can be sorted so that the things that are going to the kitchen are together, the things going to the bathroom are somewhere else, and the things going to different bedrooms are sorted to make it easy to put everything away.

>a The T-shirt that folds itself

Lay the T-shirt flat and face up. Pinch it with your left hand at point A and with your right hand at point B. Holding on to the T-shirt, move your right hand over the left hand to grab the hem of the T-shirt at point C. Keep pinching with your right hand. Lift up the T-shirt, and pull your hand out. (Uncross your hands). Shake it out a little, then lay it face down, still holding it with both hands. Lift both hands and fold it back so the neckline is in the centre. Here are some videos that show you how:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eZ7Lawiw84g&NR=1>

(very clear American boy)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vD6zs9j9QI4&feature=related>

(good visuals, no English)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fvNUdcDtTwo&NR=1>

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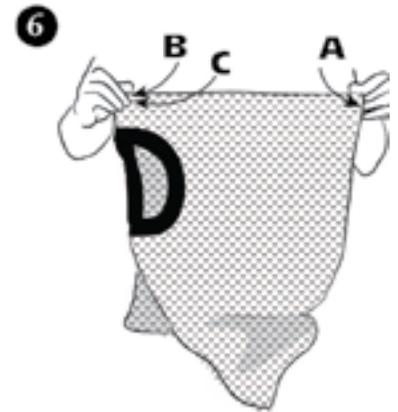
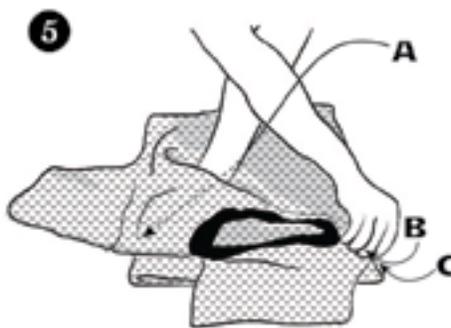
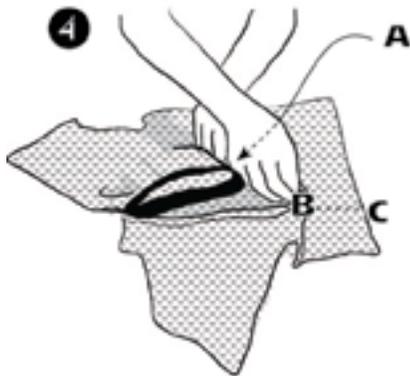
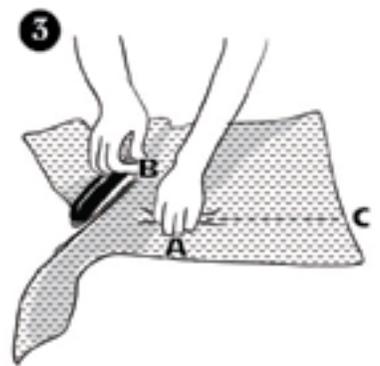
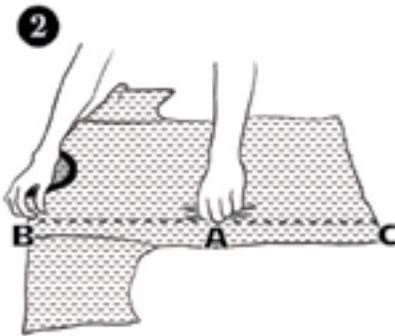
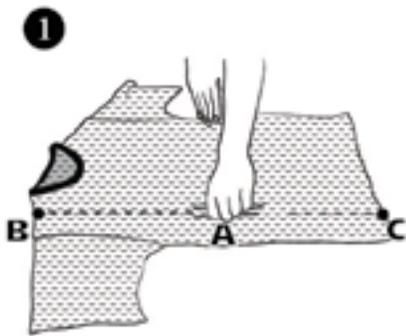
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The T-shirt that folds itself!



Braiding is math, too!



Activity 8 Buying Groceries

➤ *At the grocery store with little kids:*

- Let them count items as you put them in the basket.
- Let them hold the bag open while you put potatoes, or apples, into the bag, and count them as they go in.

Let them get things off the shelf and put them in the basket, at your direction. Ask for the biggest box of cereal, or the smallest. Ask for the coffee in the green can, or the black bag. Ask for the crackers on the bottom shelf, or the middle shelf.

➤ *At the grocery store with kids in school:*

- When your kid has an idea of how much a dollar is, and what is more than 50¢ and what is less than 50¢, there is a real job he can do at the supermarket—keeping track of how much the bill will be. Ask your kid to help you keep track of the total amount as you put the groceries in the cart.
- If you want to be sure you'll have enough money when you get to the till, round all the numbers up to the next dollar higher. When the first thing goes into the cart, ask how much it is, then ask how much is the next dollar higher. Then help figure out the price to the nearest dollar. For example, if the item is \$1.79, ask, "What is the next dollar up?"

Give him a piece of paper and a pencil. Ask him to make a mark for every dollar you put into the cart. If, for example, you put in something that costs \$1.79, he will show that as \$2.00, and make 2 marks on his page.



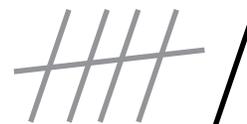
Then you put something in the cart that costs \$1.19. The next dollar higher is \$2.00, so he will make 2 more marks.



Then you buy something that costs 99¢; that is very close to \$1.00, so he'll make another mark, but the fifth mark goes sideways. Every \$5.00 you put in the cart will result in a mark like this.



The next dollar you spend starts another set of marks.
As you go along, he can count the crossed lines by 5's
to give you a running total.



- If you want a closer estimate, you can round up or down to the nearest dollar. The estimate will be closer to the exact total, but it may be a little too low. If you have only \$20 in your purse, the estimate might be \$20, but the exact amount might be \$20.17. Here's how it works:

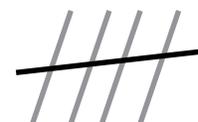
If, for example, you put something in the cart that costs \$1.79, he will figure out that \$1.79 is closer to \$2.00 than to \$1.00. He will show that as \$2.00, and make 2 marks on his page.



Then you put something in the cart that costs \$2.49. That is closer to \$2.00 than to \$3.00, so he will make 2 more marks.

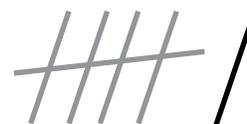


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The next dollar you spend starts another set of marks.

As you go along, he can count the crossed lines by 5's to give you a running total. When you get to the cashier, you both will see how close his estimate was.



- If you have 2 kids, one can use this system and the other can keep a running total on a calculator. It is easy to make a mistake on the calculator, forgetting a decimal point or hitting the wrong key. The kid with the pencil and tally sheet can help keep the calculator honest.

➤a Older kids can pay and check the change.



Math at the Store

Kids can count, keep track, and pay!



Activity 9 Kitchen Chores

Clean it up, then mess it up, then clean it up again. Get it out, then put it away, then get it out again. That's life in the kitchen, and there is a richness for math learning in that pattern.

➤ *Setting the dishes out*

Maybe you're handling the plates, and a little one can help with the forks and knives and spoons.

Very little ones won't count at all. You might ask, how many plates do we need? One for grandma, 1 for grandpa, 1 for brother, 1 for sister, and so on, pulling out a plate as you say each name. Then, how many forks? Let the little one get out a fork for each person as you name them again. Then, how many knives? The little one can pick out a knife for each name, again.

As they begin to count things, you could first count: How many people for supper? Name and count each one. Let's say 7, for example. You count out 7 plates. Then ask, how many forks? You may have to count the people again, or maybe count the plates, or maybe the kid will remember. Let the kid count out the forks. Again, how many knives? Let the kid count out the knives.

In any case, while everybody is eating, you'll get a chance to check that everybody has a fork and knife and plate, and congratulate yourselves on the counting.

➤ *Putting the dishes away*

Time for sorting. Give a kid all the forks and knives and spoons and ask him to sort them and put the forks where they belong, the knives and the spoons in their places. Big spoons and little spoons. Maybe big forks and little forks each have their own place.

An older child can put away mugs and cups. What to do with the handles is an interesting problem, especially if there are lots of mugs and not very much space to put them in. How much space do things take up? How can I fit things into a tight space? Both these are problems that a kid can work on without even knowing that she is doing math.



Math in the Kitchen



Activity 10 Making Cookies

Find a couple of recipes for cookies, and try some of these ideas:

- a Make the first recipe, and another day try the other recipe.
- a Divide into teams. Each team uses a different recipe, and gives half its cookies to the other team.
- a Try making the recipes slightly differently (add chocolate chips, different nuts, sugar substitute).
- a Make a batch of cookies and divide it in half; keep half the cookies for the family and give the other half to someone special, with a card.
- a Double the recipe.
- a Make both kinds of cookies, and do a survey asking which kind people like better. Keep track of what people say, and graph your results.

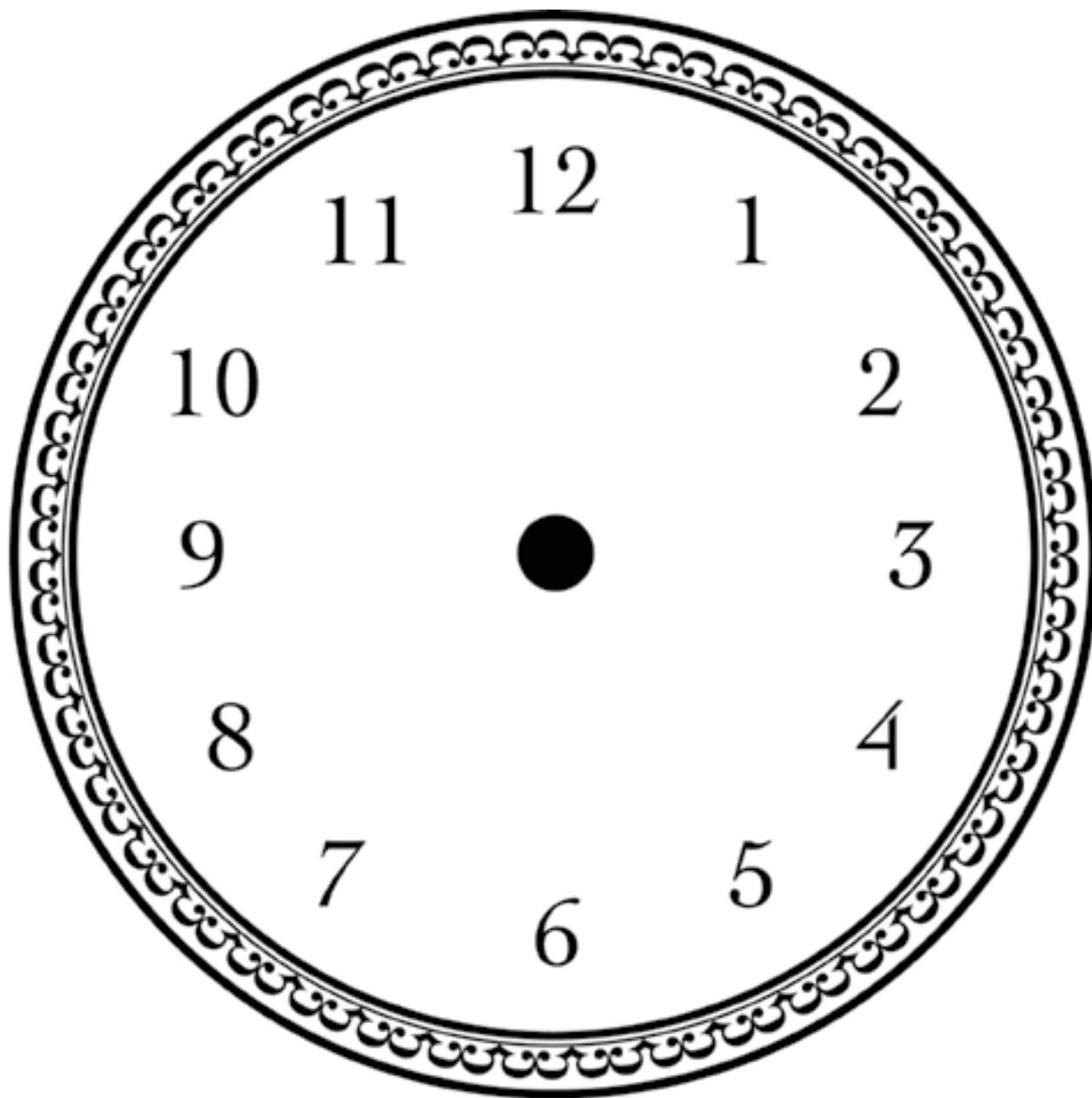
Activity 11 Telling Time

When can we go? When will Grandma get here? When does my show come on? Is it my birthday yet?

This kind of question tells you your child is ready to learn how to keep track of time, and ready to start using a clock and a calendar.

- a Make the play clock on the next page. There are lots of things you can do with it.
- a Set the play clock to show the time you will leave the house to go somewhere fun. Let your child keep track of the real clock until it looks the same as the play clock. Then it's time to go! You can set the play clock to show whatever your child is waiting for—a special TV show, or the time the older kids come home, or bedtime. Whenever he says, “When will...?” you can show him on the play clock, and wait for the real clock to match it.
- a When your child is good at telling time with a face clock, start to use a digital clock or watch. Look at the digital time, then use the play clock to show the same time as





Cut along the dotted line. Glue the clock face to a piece of cardboard. Glue the hands to a piece of cardboard, then cut them out. Use a brad to pin the hands in the centre of the clock.



 Sunday 

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Glue here and put this strip under Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday 

Month _____

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

Activity 13 Money

➤ You can use money to practice counting by 1's, 5's, 10's, and 25's.

➤ Let your kid pay for his own treats and get the change.

➤ *Double your money!*

When you want to give a gift of money, here's an offer a kid can't refuse:

"I'll put a penny in a jar. The next day, I'll double it and put 2 pennies into the jar. The next day, I'll double that and put in 4 pennies, and so on, every day for a week. At the end of the week, you can have all the money in the jar, or I'll give you a dollar. Your choice."

You can do this for any amount of time, but be careful or you will end up paying much more than you expected. You will start on day 1 and put 1 penny in a jar. The next day, you will put in double that much—2 pennies. The next day you will put in double again, 4 pennies, and the next day you will double the amount to 8 pennies, and so on, doubling every day. Say how many days you will double the money for, and say that at the end, the child can keep all the money in the jar, or you will trade the money in the jar for a certain amount. The child can choose.

How long you go depends on how much you want to give. If you want to give about \$10.00, offer to double for 10 days, and say you will buy the jar back for \$8.00.

If you want to give about \$40, offer to double for 12 days, and say you will buy the jar back for \$30.00.

If you want to give about \$80, offer to double for 13 days, and say you will buy the jar back for \$75.00.

If you want to give about \$160, offer to double for 14 days, and say you will buy the jar back for \$150.00.



Activity 14 Measuring

➤a *Before your child knows numbers...*

Make a long strip of paper by pasting shorter pieces together. You can add more pieces if you need them later. Let your child measure whatever he wants (for example, the height of a teddy bear or doll). Your child can lay the paper strip along the toy, mark on the paper the height of the toy, and draw a picture of the toy beside the mark. Then he can use the same paper to measure another toy, or himself, or a table, or whatever. Don't worry about getting it right. Sometimes the paper strip will show the teddy is taller than the child. If your child notices, let him figure out what went wrong. If he doesn't notice, don't say anything. The lesson he is learning here is that you have to start each measurement from the same place on the tape if you want to compare the measurements. Give him lots of time and many tries to figure out that important lesson for himself.

It is fun to measure around things, too: around the teddy's waist; around a footstool; around a chair; around his own wrist or waist; around a coffee mug.

➤a Start a height chart for him. Measure him against the door frame, so he can see how he is growing over the months and years. If you want a record you can take with you when you move, mark the measurements on a long strip of paper taped to the wall, or on a tall flat stick.

➤a *When your child is learning to read numbers...*

Use the same kind of paper strip to measure some things, then use a tape measure on the strip to measure the thing in centimetres or inches; write down the number. Don't worry about fractions at first. The strip will keep a record of all the things measured, and it will be easy to see which is longest or biggest around.

➤a Give your child a tape measure and let her measure whatever she wants. If she wants to remember the measurements, help her write them down. Talk about what surprises her as she is measuring, and about any patterns she sees.



➤ a A little more advanced...

Make some graphs to record the measurements that interest your child. Graph paper and felt pens are great. Kids can also make graphs online at

<http://nces.ed.gov/nceskids/createagraph/>

- Heights of family members and friends—whoever will stand up and be measured. Use 1 square on the graph paper for every 20 cm in height, or 1 square for every 10 cm in height.
- Show the height compared with the “wingspan” of a few people. Again, 1 square on the graph paper for every 10 or 20 cm.
- Show the length of the foot compared with the distance from the wrist to the inside of the elbow of a few people. Use 1 square for 1 cm.



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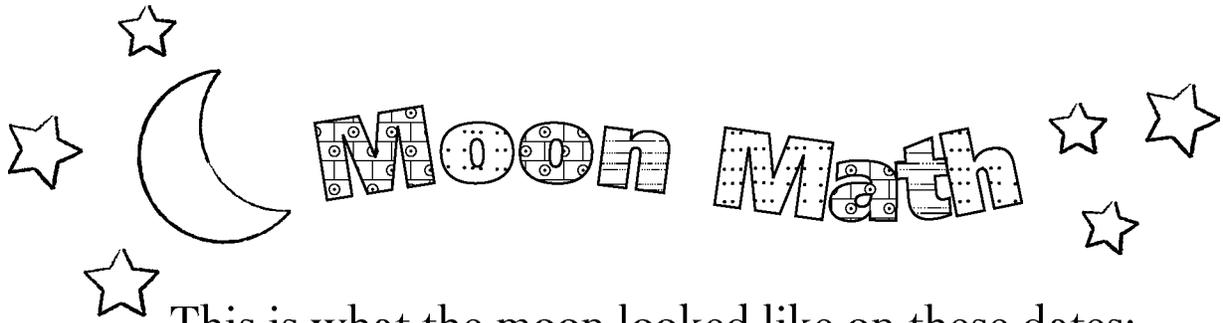
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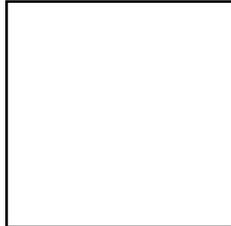
Math in Nature

• look for numbers shapes and patterns

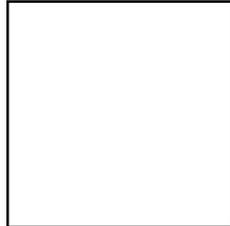




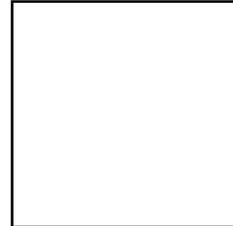
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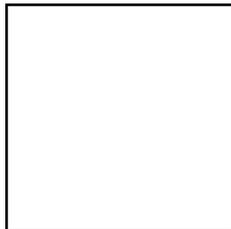
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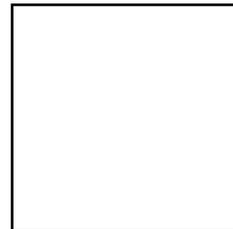
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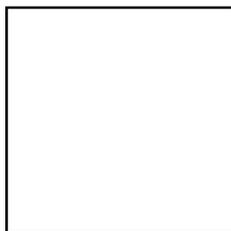
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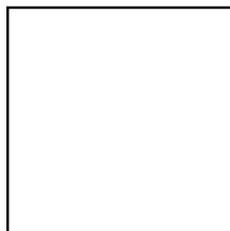
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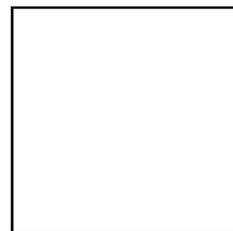
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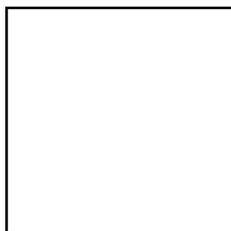
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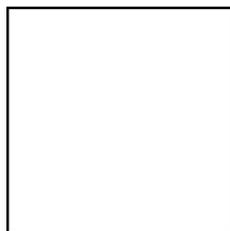
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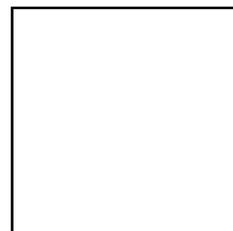
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Draw the moon on the same day every week for a few weeks.
What patterns do you see?

Activity 21 Make a Memory Game

➤ *Make your own game.*

- Copy the following pages of shapes on coloured paper and cut them out.
- Pick 8 of the shapes you cut out. They may be different shapes, or the same shapes in different colours or sizes. Then pick another 8 exactly the same as the first. For example, you might have 2 red squares, 2 yellow circles, 2 green circles, 2 large green triangles, 2 small green triangles, and so on.
- Get 16 index cards, or cut 16 cards out of heavy paper.
- Glue each shape to the front of one of the cards.
- Sort the leftover shapes and put them in different envelopes.

How to play

- Mix up the cards and put them face down.
- The first player turns over 1 card, then turns over another card, trying to find a match.
- If the 2 cards are the same, she takes the 2 cards and puts them beside her. It is still her turn, so she turns over another card, then turns over another to see if it matches.
- If the 2 cards are not the same, she turns them back over in the same place, and her turn ends. The other player takes a turn.
- The winner is the player with the most pairs. Some kids like to know who is the winner, and other kids don't care.

Make it easier

- **➤** Use only 6 or 8 cards.



Activity 22 Pull a Pair

➤ *Make the game*

- Copy the pages of shapes that follow on heavy coloured paper and cut them out.
- Pick 8 of the pieces you cut out, all different. They may be different shapes, or the same shapes in different colours or sizes. Then pick another 8 exactly the same as the first. For example, you might then have 2 red squares, 2 yellow circles, 2 green circles, 2 large green triangles, 2 small green triangles, and so on.
- Put all of the shapes into a paper bag or a big envelope.

Play the game

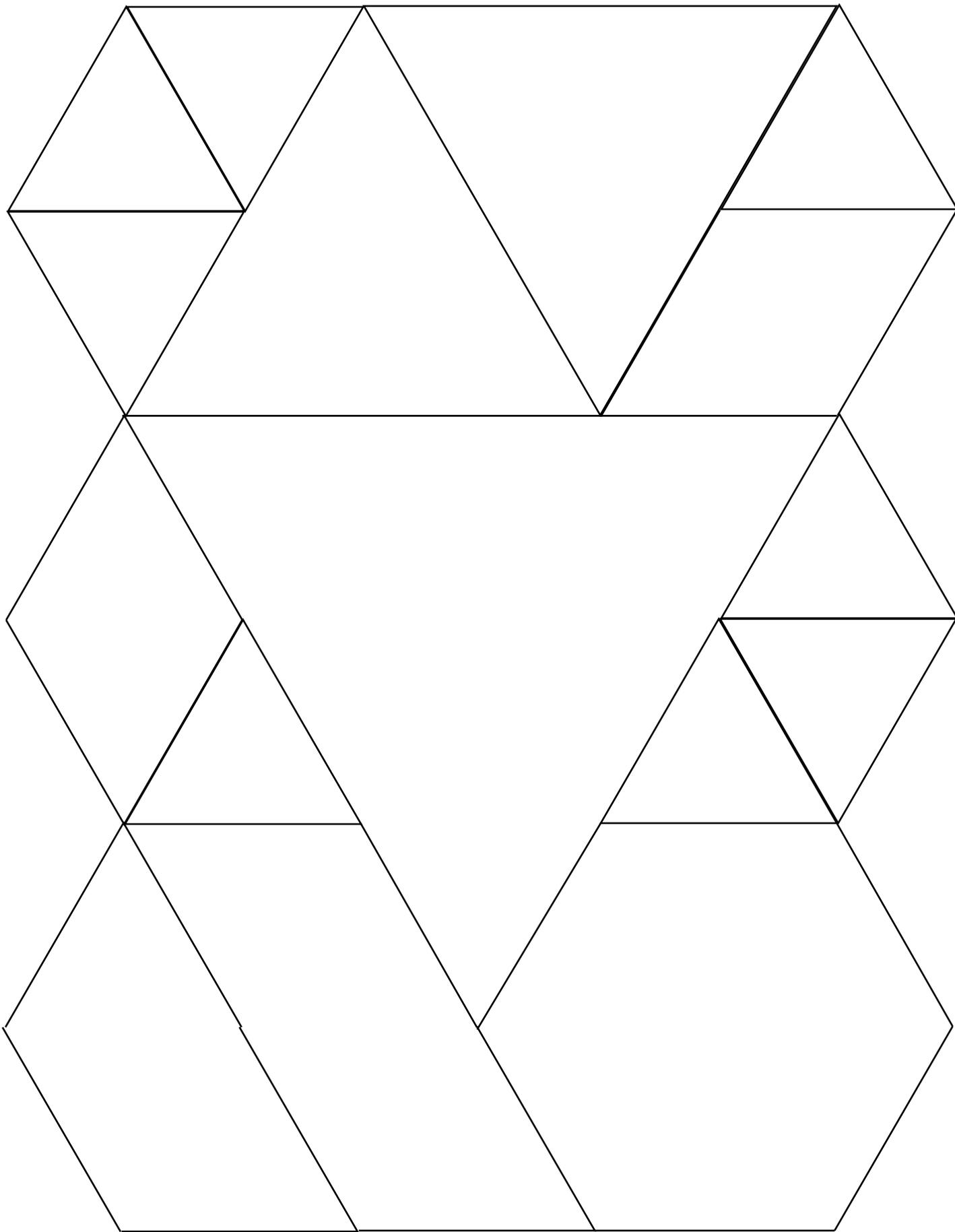
- The first player reaches into the bag or envelope and pulls out a shape and puts it on the table. Then she reaches in and pulls out another shape. If it is exactly the same as the first shape, the player wins the pair. If it does not match, the player puts the second shape beside the first.
- The second player takes a turn, picking 1 shape out of the bag and trying to match it with the shapes already on the table. Then she pulls another shape out of the bag and tries to match that one.
- Every turn, the player gets to pull 2 shapes out of the bag and tries to match a shape already on the table. When she finds a match, she wins the pair.
- Keep taking turns until all the shapes are out of the bag.

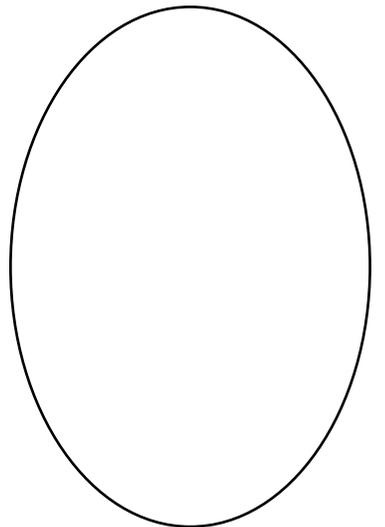
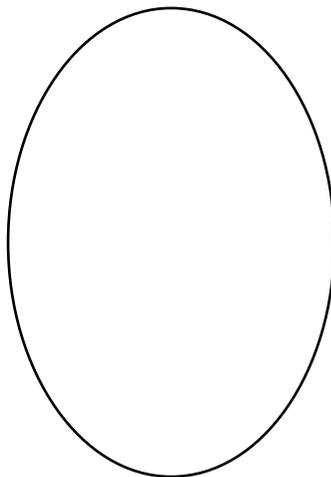
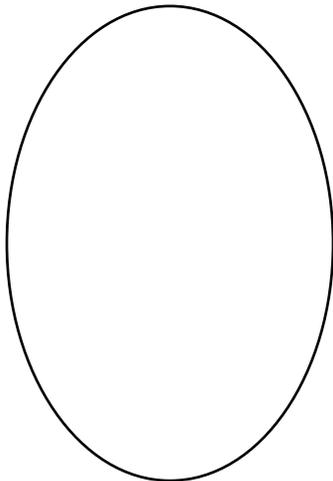
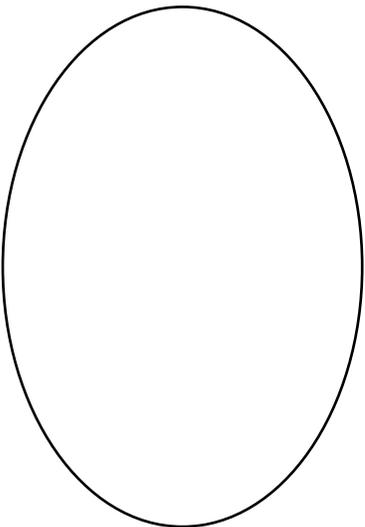
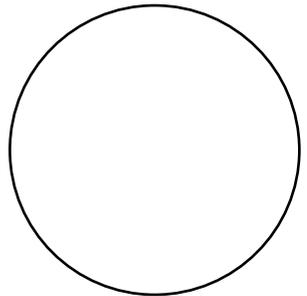
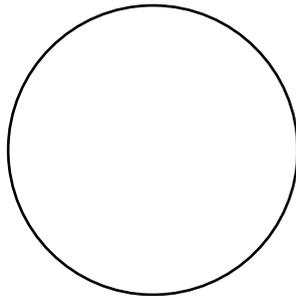
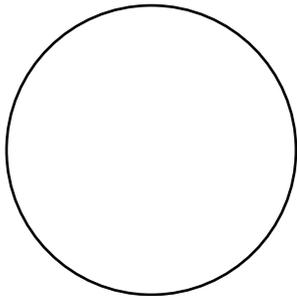
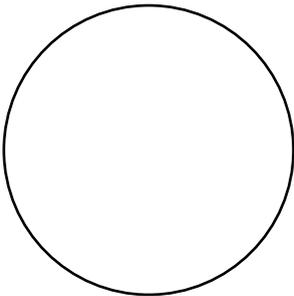
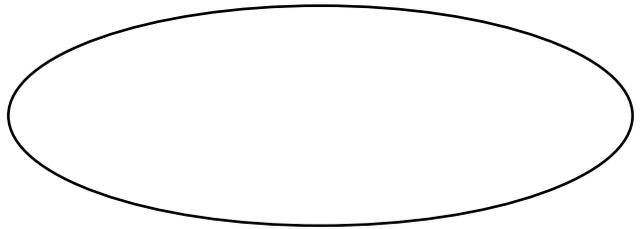
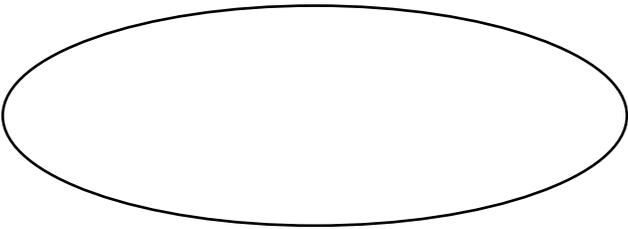
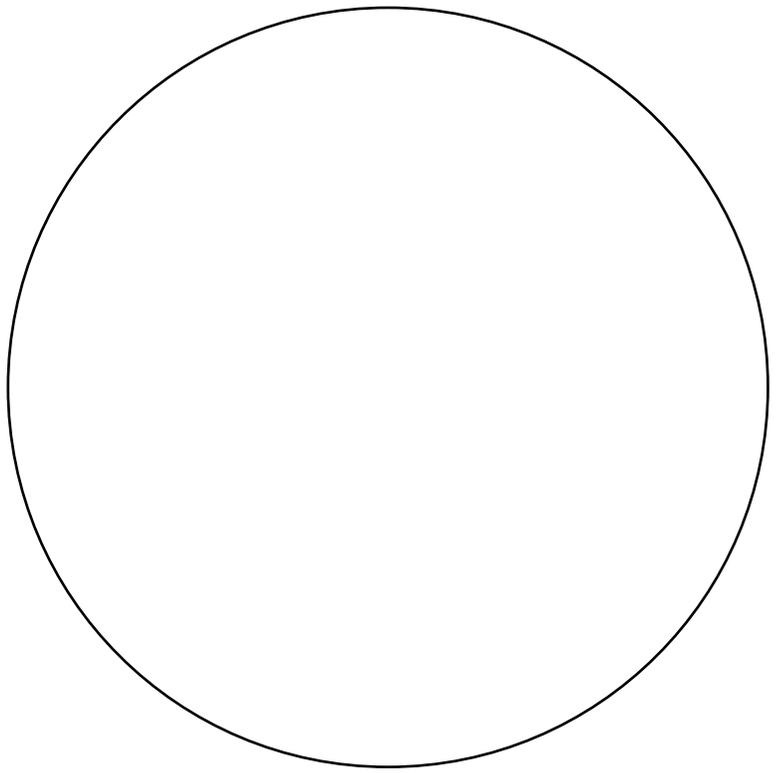
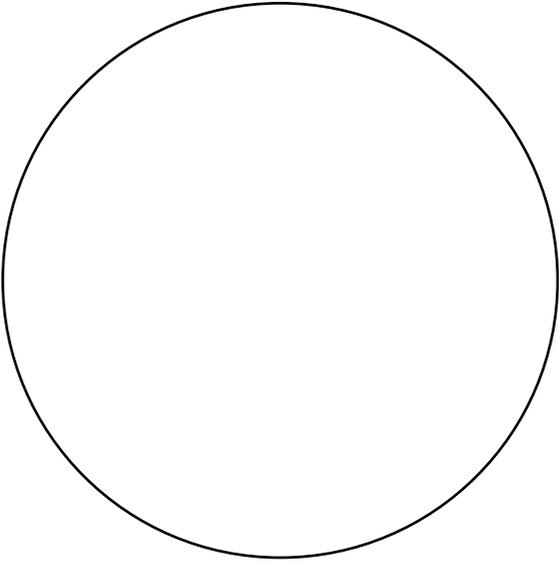
Make it harder

➤ Put more pairs into the bag to start.

➤ Change the rules about matching. Put shapes of 2 different sizes and 2 or 3 colours in the bag. A big square could match with a big triangle (both big), or a red circle could match with a red square (both red), or a big square could match with a small square (both square).







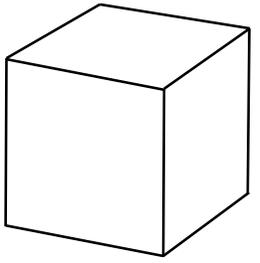
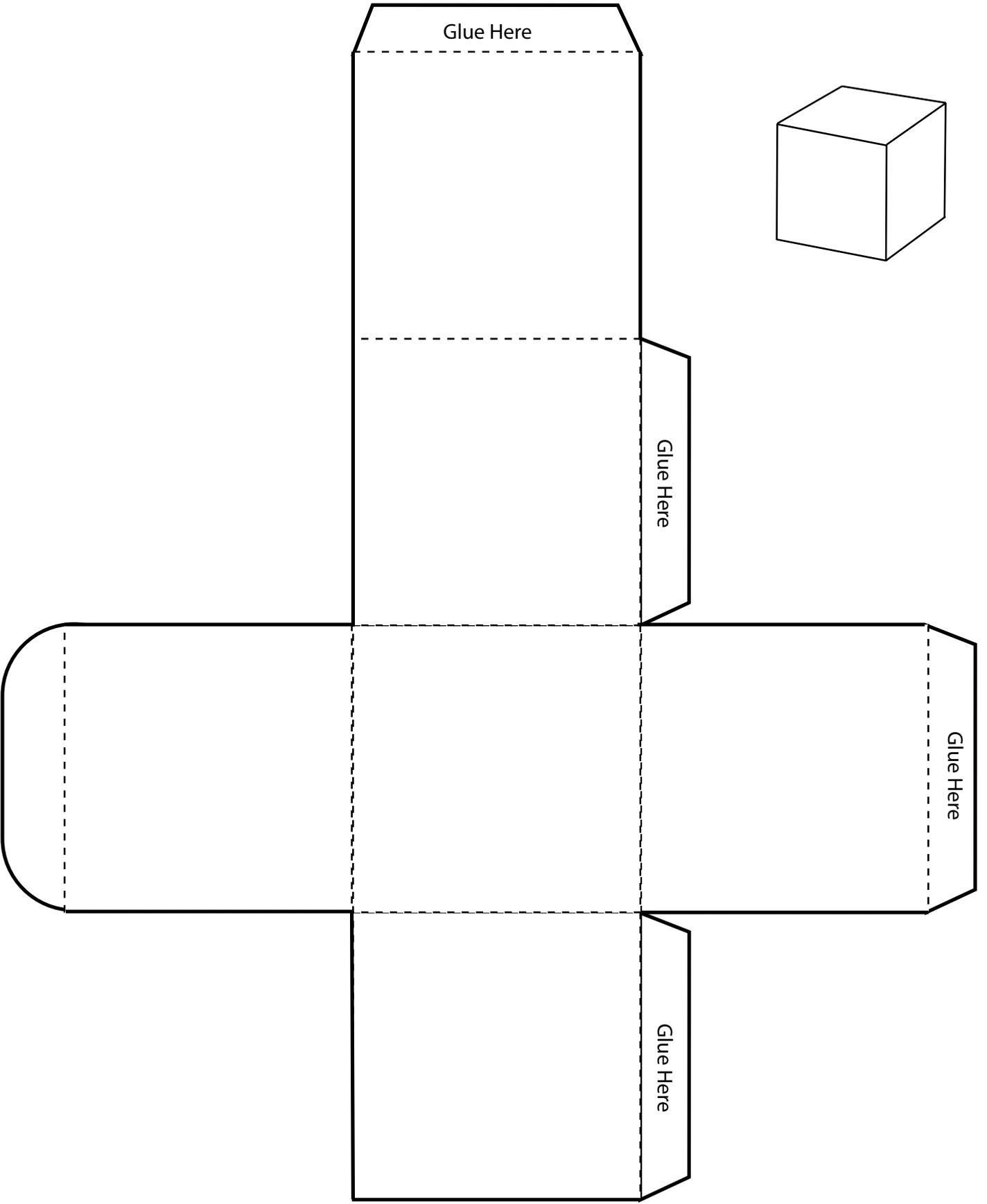
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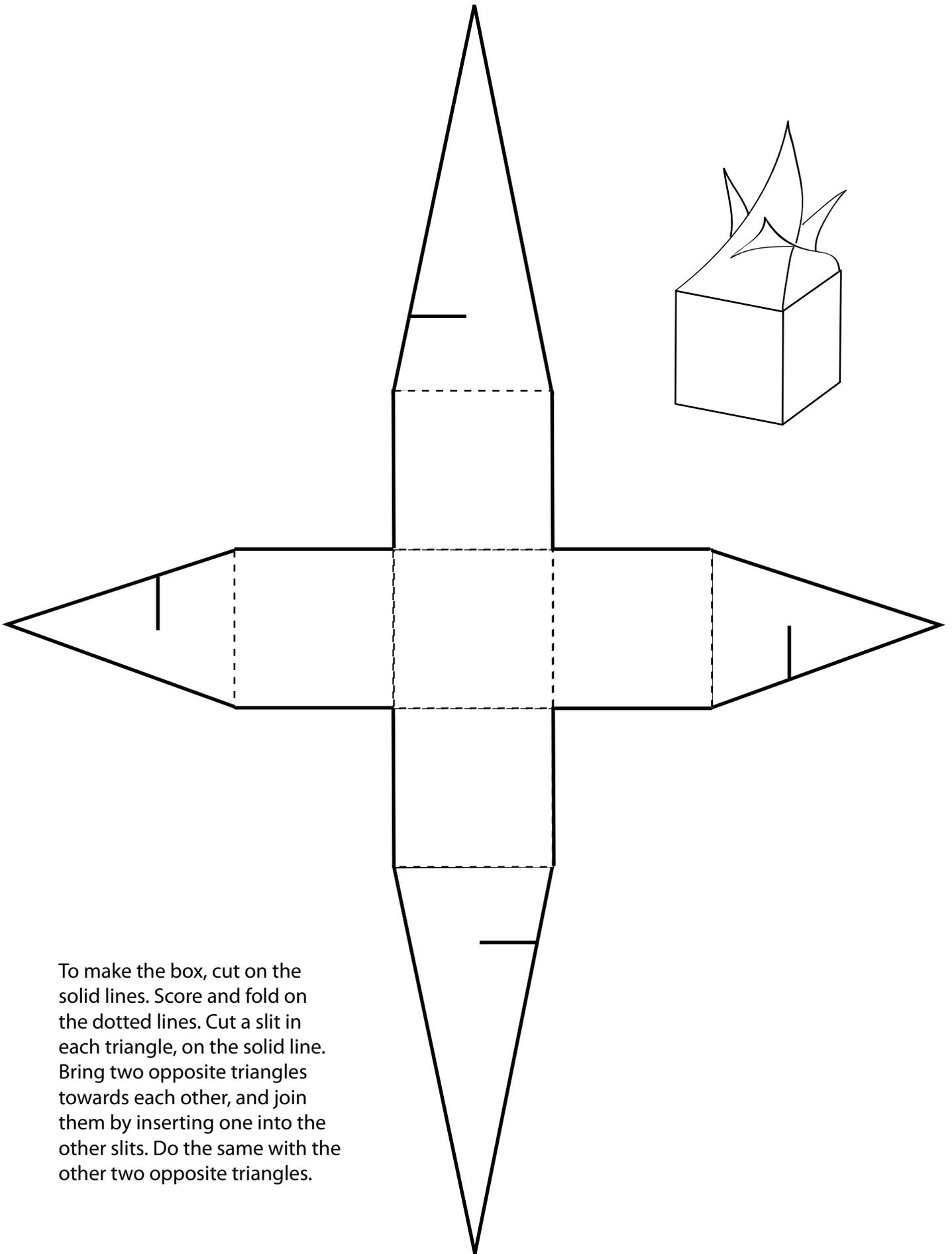
Activity 23 Make a Collection

➤ *a* Make a collection of leaves or pictures or coins or rocks or whatever your child is interested in.

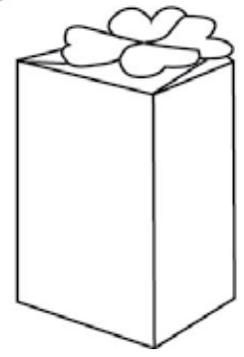
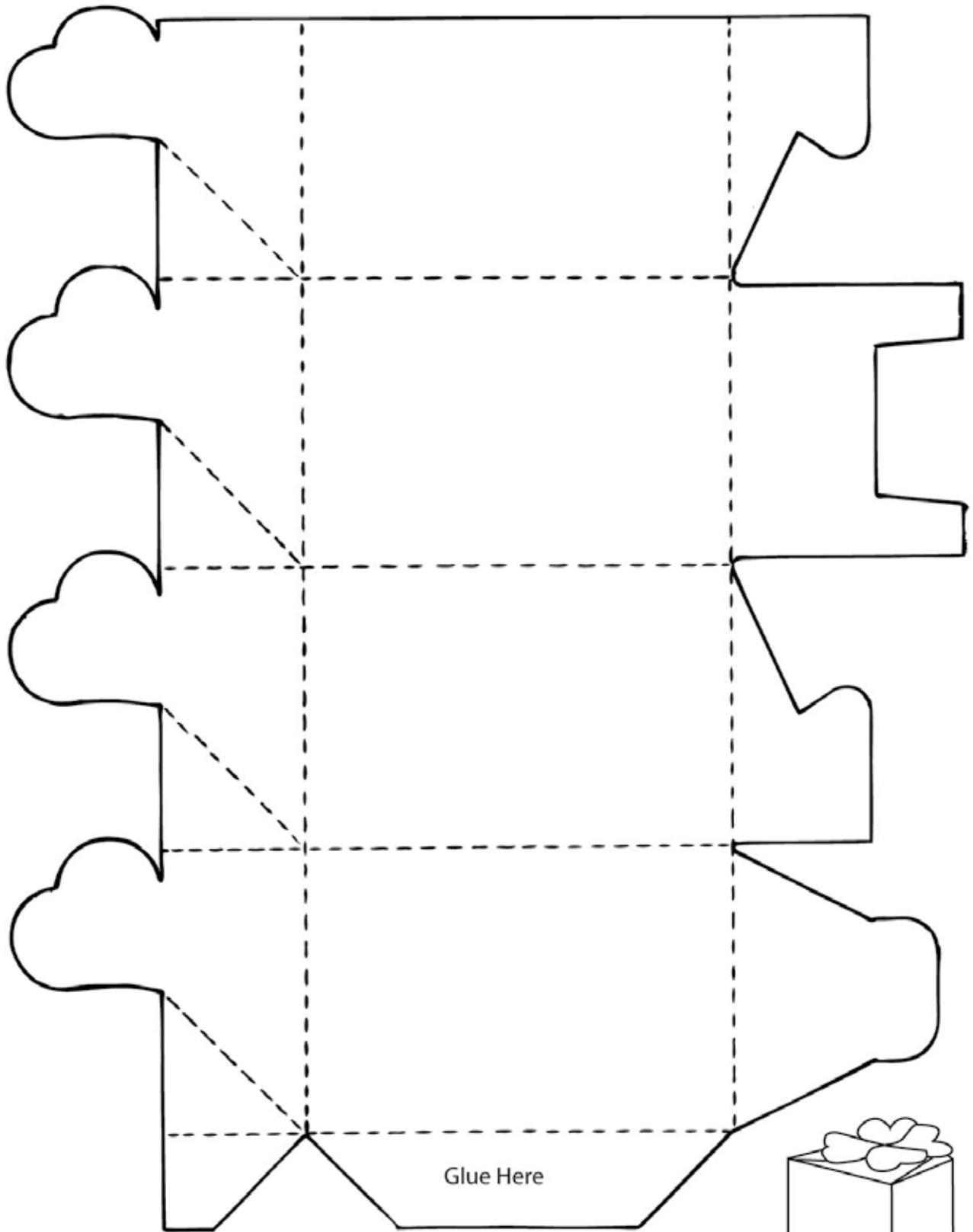
- Help your child figure out a way to organize the collection. For flat things, a scrapbook might be good, or see Appendix A for suggestions about how to make a book. For bulky things, a binder with pockets might work, or a box with dividers.
- Help your child figure out a way to display the collection so others can see it. A special shelf or a section of the fridge door might work.
- Give your child lots of time to talk about his collection. Listen.

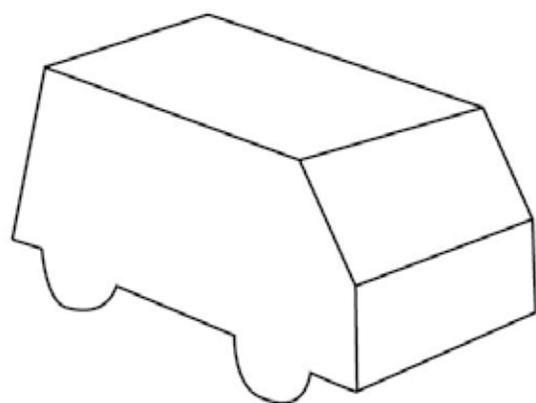
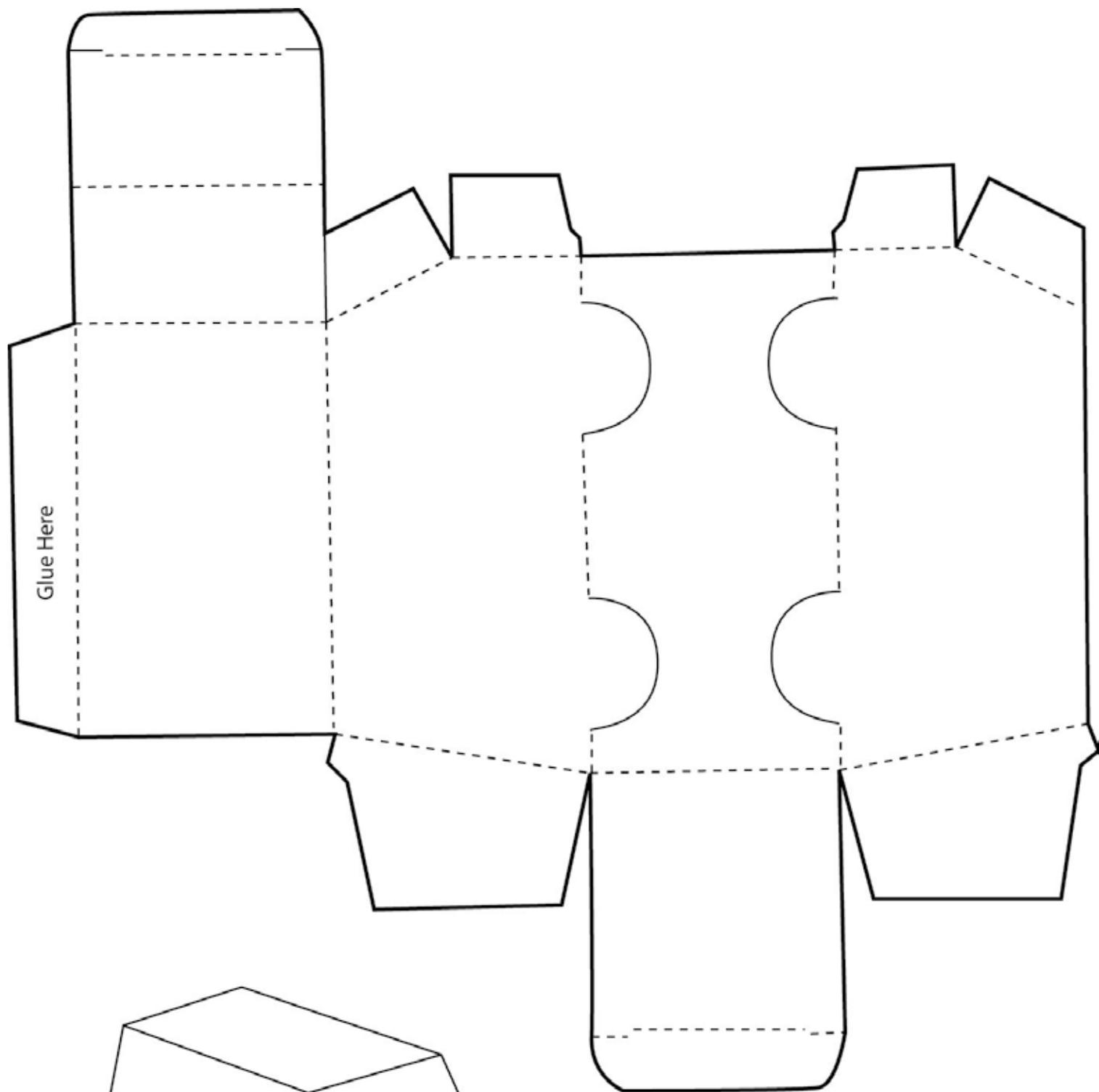




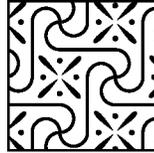


To make the box, cut on the solid lines. Score and fold on the dotted lines. Cut a slit in each triangle, on the solid line. Bring two opposite triangles towards each other, and join them by inserting one into the other slits. Do the same with the other two opposite triangles.

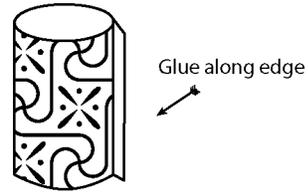




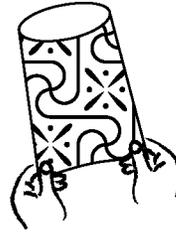
Take a square of paper of any size, and decorate it as you like.



Roll it to make a cylinder, and glue the edges together to make a seam from the top to the bottom.



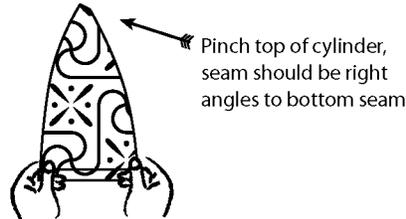
Pinch the bottom of the cylinder into a flat seam, and glue it together. (The first seam should be in the centre of the new seam, on one side.)



Put some things that will rattle into the piece.



Hold the box by the bottom seam. Give it a half turn, and pinch the top of the cylinder into the flat seam. This seam should be at right angles to the bottom seam.



If you make many of these boxes, they will stack together very well.

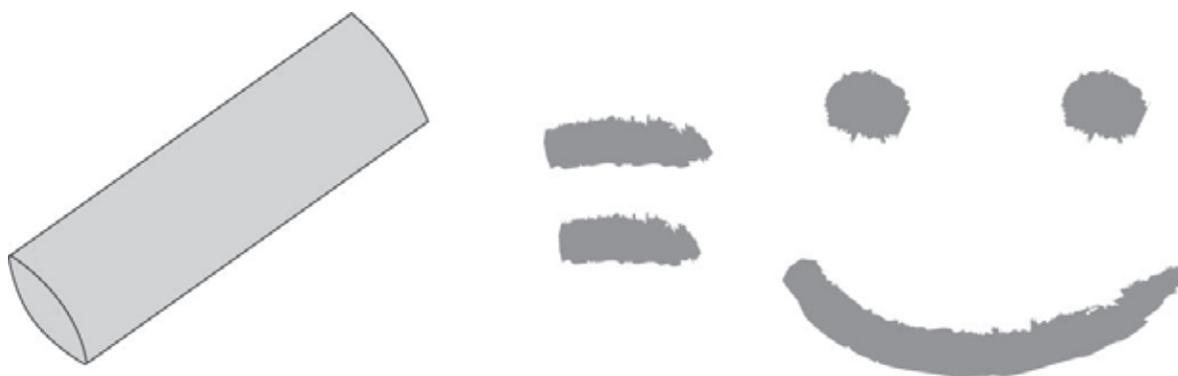
What could you put in this box?

- Any gift that has many small pieces, such as a bunch of candies, or marbles, or hair clips.
- Any small gift that won't be hurt if it is shaken around, such as a necklace or chain.
- A few stones or beans to make a rattle that you don't open.
- Five things you are grateful for. (Write them on strips of paper and crumple up the strips before you put them in the box.)

Activity 25 Sidewalk Chalk

a Use the recipe that follows. If the children are young, parents should measure the dry ingredients into baggies before the children arrive. Measure and add the water when you are ready to make the chalk. Children can mix the mixture in the baggie while parents cover 1 end of each tube with the duct tape. Then snip a hole in 1 corner of the baggie and pour the mixture into each tube.

Older children can cover the ends of their tubes first, then measure and mix ingredients.



Activity 28 Learning the Deck

a This is a treasure hunt through the deck. Fun to do, and lets you find out who knows the deck and who needs help.

Again, this will be a situation where the parent knows more than the child—the object is not to get the answers filled in, but to let the child explore the nature of the deck. Some number facts here— $13 + 13 + 13 + 13 = 52$; $4 \times 13 = 52$.

A Deck of Cards

How many cards in the deck?	How many face cards?
How many black cards?	How many red cards?
How many diamonds?	How many hearts?
How many spades?	How many clubs?
How many red face cards?	How many black face cards?
How many face cards are female?	How many face cards are male?
How many jokers?	How many 1's?
How many 2's?	How many 3's?
How many 4's?	How many 5's?
How many 6's?	How many 7's?
How many 8's?	How many 9's?
How many 10's?	How many kings?
How many queens?	How many jacks?
Which king is facing left?	Which kings have swords?
Which kings have moustaches?	Which queens are holding flowers?
Which jack is looking right?	Which jack is looking left?
Which jacks have moustaches?	What number is shown on the ace?



The next player does the same thing, saying “5’s.” The next player says “6’s” and so on. When you get to kings, the next player starts again with aces.

You don’t have to play the cards you say you are playing. You can try to bluff whenever you want to, and sometimes you have to bluff. You have to put down at least 1 card, and you can put down any number of cards. You are trying to be the first to get rid of all your cards. It may be your turn to say “7’s,” but you might put down two 5’s and a king, and say “three 7’s.”

“No Way!”

If you think another player is bluffing, you can say, “No way!” You have to say “No way!” as soon as the player puts the cards down, before the next player plays.

When someone says, “No way!” the last player has to turn over the cards he just played so everyone can see if he was bluffing or telling the truth. If he was bluffing, he has to pick up ALL the cards in the pile in the middle of the table. If he was telling the truth, the person who said “No way!” has to pick up all the cards in the middle of the table.

Sometimes more than 1 person says, “No way!” When that happens, the first person to say “No way!” is the person who checks the cards, and if the player was telling the truth, the first person to say “No way!” picks up all the cards in the middle of the table. If 2 people say “No way!” at the same time, whichever of them is closest on the player’s left is the person who checks the cards and picks up the pile if necessary.

When you play your last card, it must be played face up, so everyone can see it. If it is not the right card, pick up the pile.



over the first 2 cards from the deck in your hand. If you can use the turned up card to make a set of 10, you may do so, or you may decide not to. Your choice. If you use the top card, you can then use the next card, if you like. Then turn over the next 2 cards from the deck in your hand, then the next, and so on. When you have come to the end of the deck, turn it over and start again from the top.

Make it easier

Turn over the cards in your hand one at a time. Set out only 5 rows instead of 6.

Make it harder

Turn over the cards in your hand 3 at a time.

Activity 31 Roll Them and Win!

➤ You need 5 dice to play this game.

Play

Players take turns. When it is your turn, you can roll the dice up to 3 times. Every time you throw the dice, you decide how many dice to keep and how many to throw again. When you have finished throwing the dice, you must fill in one of the boxes on the score sheet. Sometimes you will have to take zero to fill in one of the boxes. You can fill the boxes in any order. You don't have to start at the top.

The Score Card

Bonus: When you have filled in the top 6 boxes, add up your score for those boxes. Did you make 63 or more? Then you get the bonus of 35 points.

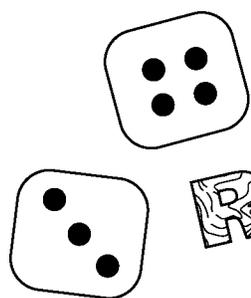
Full house: A pair, plus 3 of a kind. For example, a pair of 4's and three 5's.

Small straight: Any 4 numbers in a row. For example, 1, 2, 3, 4 OR 3, 4, 5, 6.

Big straight: Five numbers in a row. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 OR 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

Five of a kind: If you get 5 of a kind twice in 1 game, give yourself an extra 100 points.





Roll Them and Win!

		Game 1	Game 2	Game 3
Ones (Add all 1's)	●			
Twos (Add all 2's)	● ●			
Threes (Add all 3's)	● ● ● ●			
Fours (Add all 4's)	● ● ● ●			
Fives (Add all 5's)	● ● ● ● ● ●			
Sixes (Add all 6's)	● ● ● ● ● ●			
Total				
Did you get 63 or more? Add 35.				
Score from top part				
3 of a kind (add all dice)				
4 of a kind (add all dice)				
Full House 25				
Small Straight 30				
Big Straight 40				
5 of a kind 50				
Chance (add all dice)				
Total from top part				
Score from top part				
Total for game				

player collects all the chips in the middle space. Every other player must give the winner one chip for each card he has left in his hand. Losing hands cannot collect chips for paying cards still in the hand.

- At the end of the hand, there will still be chips in some of the spaces on the board. Leave them there until someone wins them. They will get bigger and bigger because every player will add another chip to every space to start every hand.

Playing the poker space

After the cards have been dealt and the missy is taken care of, each player takes the 5 cards in his hand that will make the best poker hand and lays the rest aside while poker is being played. There are 2 ways to play the poker pot:

1. The players can have a “showdown” without betting, raising, or folding. Everyone puts their poker hands face up, and the best hand wins the pot.

or

2. Players can bet and raise and fold as in a regular poker game; all bets are put into the space called “Poker Pot,” and the winner of the hand takes the pot.



Activity 33 A Big Number Walk

a This activity will help your child get a mental picture of some big numbers.

- Take a walk around home or school or somewhere your child passes often. Look for buildings or pavements that are made of bricks or concrete blocks, and look for a wall or a section of wall, and count the bricks or blocks.
- Find a part of a building that has about 100 blocks or bricks. It may be a wall, that fences off a yard, or a frame around a window or doorway, or a path to a doorway.
- Find a wall that has about 1,000 bricks or blocks.
- Can you find anything that has 10,000 bricks or blocks?
- Then, when you need a mental picture of a big number, imagine the wall where you found that number of bricks.



Activity 34 The Language of Numbers

a The words we use for numbers show something about the parts of the numbers. For example, 16 tells us that the number is 6 plus 10. 17 is 7 + 10 and so on. Here are the numbers in 3 languages. Work with your kids to figure out how the numbers bigger than 10 are connected to the smaller numbers.

English How many?		French Combien?		Hulqu'mi'num Kw'in?	
one	eleven	un	onze	nuts'a'	'apun 'i' kw' nuts'a'
two	twelve	deux	douze	yuse'lu	'apun 'i' kw' yuse'lu
three	thirteen	trois	treize	lhihw	'apun 'i' kw' lhihw
four	fourteen	quatre	quatorze	xu'athun	'apun 'i' kw' xu'athun
five	fifteen	cinq	quinze	lhq'etsus	'apun 'i' kw' lhq'etsus
six	sixteen	six	seize	t'xum	'apun 'i' kw' t'xum
seven	seventeen	sept	dix-sept	tth'a'kwus	'apun 'i' kw' tth'a'kwus
eight	eighteen	huit	dix-huit	te'tsus	'apun 'i' kw' te'tsus
nine	nineteen	neuf	dix-neuf	toohw	'apun 'i' kw' toohw
ten	twenty	dix	vingt	'apun	ts'kw'ush

a Do you know the numbers in any other language? How do the words show the relationship between numbers under 10 and from 11 to 20?



Activity 35 Addition Facts: Sums of 10

➤a Make a model to show the sums of 10.

- Lay out 10 counters in a row. The counters could be anything—pennies or macaroni or dice or little cars.



- Move 1 counter over to show $1 + 9 = 10$.



- Move another counter over to show $2 + 8 = 10$



- Move another counter over to show $3 + 7 = 10$



- Continue until you have moved all the counters over to show that $10 + 0 = 10$.

➤a Make a poster to show all the sums of 10.

➤a The card game Tens (Activity 30) will give lots of practice with these addition facts.



- Ask your child to use the counters to find some other sums that are nearly doubles. She may find $6 + 5$ and $3 + 4$ and $8 + 9$ and $10 + 11$. Write them down as she finds them. Some of these addition facts are hard to remember, but if you think of them as nearly doubles, they are easy.
- Look at all the nearly doubles you have written down. See if you can see the pattern.

➤a Make a poster to show the near doubles.

Activity 38 Numbers Up and Down

➤a The game can be used by kids with a range of adding and subtracting skills. The most important thing is to make it fun. Kids can play at a less skillful level by counting out their turns, while parents can model higher level skills by thinking out loud as they take their turn. When the kids are ready, they'll start to use the skills that their parents model.

This game depends totally on luck, with no strategy involved. This means that little kids have as much chance of winning as bigger kids or parents.

- Copy the game board on the next page onto heavy cardboard.
- You will need 1 dice for the easy versions, 2 for the harder versions, and a game piece for each player (could be a coin or a button or anything that will fit on the squares).
- Play: Throw the dice to see who goes first. The player with the highest number starts. The first player throws 1 dice, and moves his game piece forward the number of squares thrown. The next person takes a turn and does the same. The first person to get past 100 wins the game.



Make it easier

>a Cut the game board off at square 50. The game will be shorter.

Make it harder

>a Start at square 100, throw the dice, and count down or subtract. First one to get past 1 is the winner.

>a Use 2 dice for the game. The numbers to count and add or subtract will be bigger.

>a Use 2 dice of different colours. Each player throws both dice, and moves the game piece forward the number on the white dice and backward the number on the red dice.

Model higher math skills

Think out loud as you play your turn. Here are some examples.

- If the child is at the level of counting out every play, you might say, “I’m on square 22 and I threw a 5. $2 + 5$ is 7. I think I’ll land on square 27. Let’s see. I’ll count 1, 2, 3, 4, 5—and look where I am. I was right!” (And you could be wrong, sometimes, too.)
- If the child can do some adding, but has a hard time with the bigger numbers, show him some strategies by thinking out loud on your turn. Some examples:

“I’m on square 29 and I threw 11. Let’s see. First I’ll add the 10. That makes 39. Then I’ll add the 1. That’s 40. So let me check. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10—that’s 39 and 1 more is 40. I was right!”

“I’m on square 47 and I threw a 9. Let’s see. I’ll add 10 and subtract 1, and that should be the same as adding 9. Okay, 47 plus 10 is 57, subtract 1 is 56. So let me check. I’ll count up. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9—and here I am at 56. I was right!”



*Start
Here*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
44	43	42	41	40	39	38	37	36	35	34
45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55
66	65	64	63	62	61	60	59	58	57	56
67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77
88	87	86	85	84	83	82	81	80	79	78
89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99

100

Activity 39 Double, Double...

➤a *How many folds can you make?*

You will need a large sheet of paper (like the outside sheet of a newspaper).

- Double it over (fold it in half). How many layers are there? Can you tear it along the fold?
- Double it again. How many layers? Can you tear it along the fold?
- Double it again. How many layers? Can you tear it along the fold?
- Keep doubling it and counting the layers. How many doubles will it take before you can't tear it any more? How many layers of paper is that?

➤a *How far can you go?*

You will need an egg carton and a bag of unpopped popcorn, dried beans, or macaroni. (The smaller the item, the farther you have to count before the cup is too full to hold the next double.)

- Put a piece of popcorn or macaroni or a bean in the first egg cup.
- Double that in the second cup (2 pieces).
- Double that in the third cup (4 pieces).
- Keep on doubling the pieces as you move from cup to cup. How far can you go before the cup is too small to hold all the pieces?

➤a *Double the money*

See the section on money (Activity 13) for a real-life lesson on doubling.



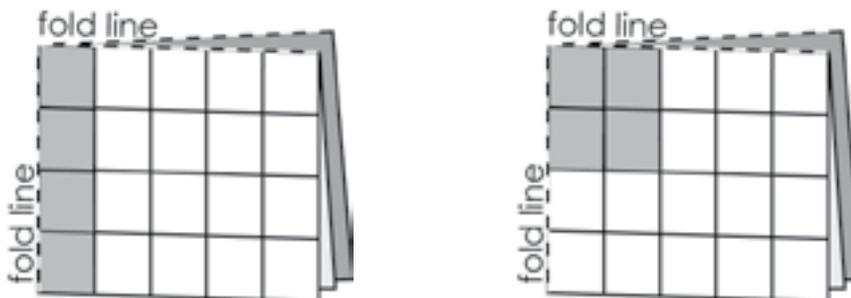
Activity 41 Four Times Table

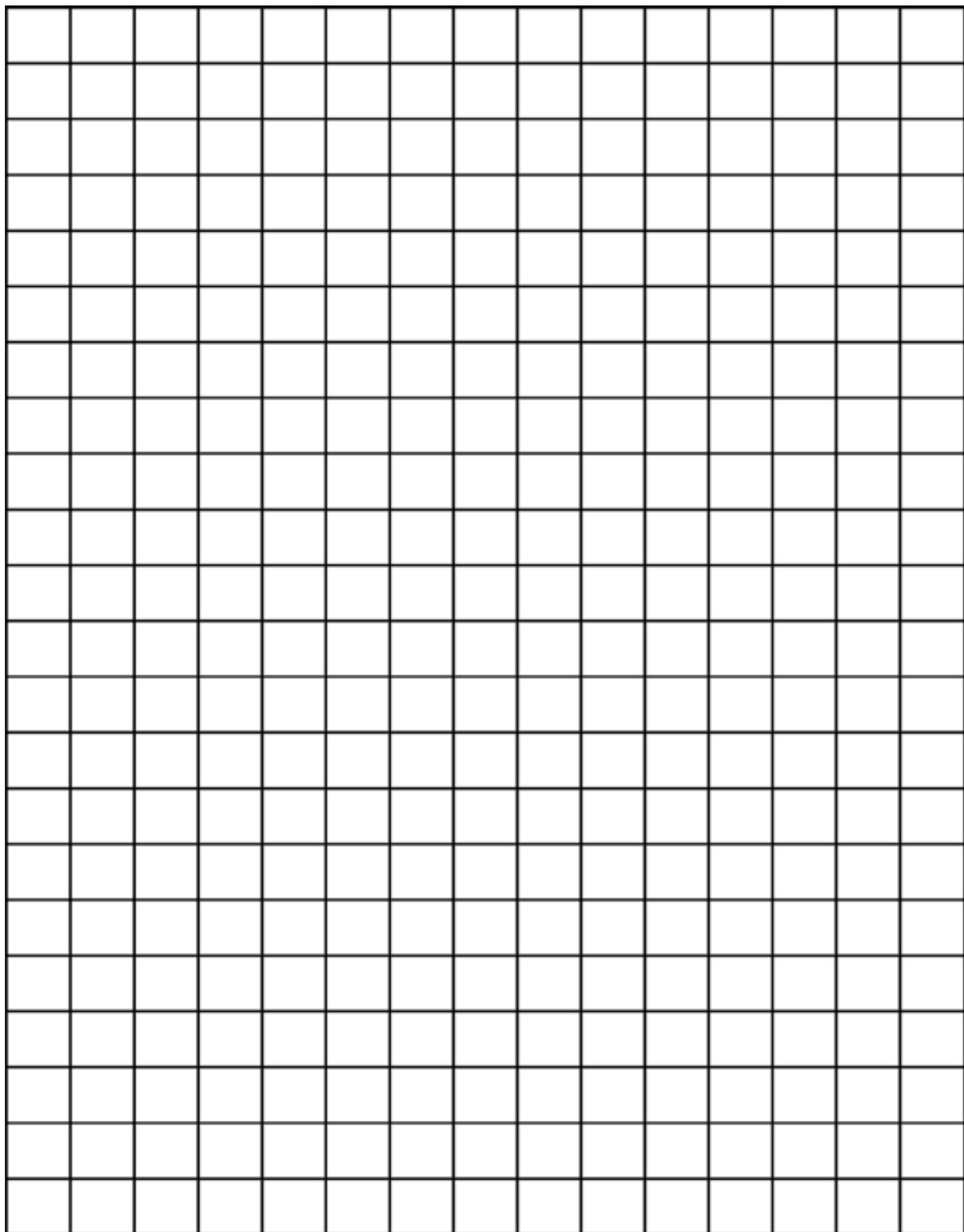
The four times table is double, double!

➤ You will need some regular graph paper, or the paper on the next page, which has larger squares.

- Fold the paper along any line that goes across the page. Then fold again on any line that goes up and down.
- Start at the point of the double fold. Colour in 1 square. Cut out the square, through all the layers. Open the first fold. Double 1 is 2. Colour the 1 square that has just been opened up. Open the second fold. Double again is 4. $4 \times 1 = 4$. Double 1, then double again. Colour the two 1's that have been opened up.
- Back at the flat paper. Double the paper twice, as before. Start at the point of the double fold. Colour in 2 squares. Cut out the squares, through all the layers. Open the first fold. Double 2 is 4. Colour the 2 squares that have just been opened up. Open the second fold. Double again is 8. $4 \times 2 = 8$. Double 2, then double again. Colour the two 2's that have been opened up.
- Back at the flat paper. Double the paper twice, as before. Start at the point of the double fold. Colour in 3 squares. Cut out the squares, through all the layers. Open the first fold. Double 3 is 6. Colour the 3 that have just been opened up. Open the second fold. Double again is 12. $4 \times 3 = 12$. Double 3, then double again. Colour the two 3's that have been opened up. And so on.
- Make a display of the cut-outs, each one marked with its number sentence.

It doesn't matter what shape the initial coloured block is, so long as at least 1 square is on both fold lines:





$5 \times 9 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

Lay your hands flat on the table. Think about 5×9 . Start from the left and count each finger. When you get to 5 (your left thumb), tuck it down. Read your hands: 4 to the left of the tucked thumb, and 5 to the right of the tucked thumb. Answer: 45. (Remember not to count what you tuck in; it just separates the first digit from the second digit.)



Nine Times Table

- count from the left
- tuck
- read your hands

What is 4 x 9?

- Starting from your pinky on your left hand, count to 4. When you reach your 4th finger, tuck it under.
- How many fingers are still sticking out, to the left of your tucked-in finger? (3)
- How many fingers are sticking out to the right of your tucked-in finger (on both hands, and don't forget to include your thumbs!)? (6)
- When you put 3 and 6 side-by-side, you get 36!

Yes, 4×9 is **36**!



Appendix B

Books

These are arranged by subject. The ones with aboriginal content are marked with a star (*).

Card Games

Card Games for Smart Kids by Margie Golick. Sterling Publishing Co., Inc., 1998.

Deal Me In! The Use of Playing Cards in Learning and Teaching by Margie Golick. J. Norton Publishers, 1988.

Counting Books

Bea's 4 Bears by Martha Weston. Clarion Books, 1992. Counts from 4 to 0 and back up.

**Colours of the Islands* by Dawn Adams. Faculty of Education, University of B.C. Counts animals of the northwest coast from 1 to 10.

I Spy Two Eyes: Numbers in Art by Lucy Micklethwait. Greenwillow Books, 1993. Counts 1–20.

Next Please by Ernst Jandl and Norman Junge. Hutchinson, 2001. Counts from 5 down as various toys wait to see the doctor.

No Dodos: A Counting Book of Endangered Animals by Amanda Wallwork. Scholastic, 1993. Counts from 10 to 0.

One Big Building: A Counting Book about Construction by Michael Dahl. Picture



Shapes by Ivan Bulloch. Action Math Series. Thomson Learning, 1994.

The Shapes We Eat by Simone T. Ribke. Children's Press, 2005.

Triangles by Sarah Schuette. Capstone Press, 2003.

Homework

How to Do Homework without Throwing Up by Trevor Romain. Free Spirit, 1997.

Funny book that gives helpful advice about doing homework. See also the video by the same name.

Research ate my brain: the panic-proof guide to surviving homework. Toronto Public Library. Annick Press, 2005.

Surviving Homework: Tips from Teens by Amy Nathan. Millbrook Press, 1996. The book offers tips from 300 top high school juniors and seniors.

Other Math Ideas

Big Numbers: And Pictures That Show Just How Big They Are! by Edward Packard. Millbrook Press, 2000.

Each Orange Had 8 Slices: A Counting Book by Paul Giganti, Jr. Greenwillow Books, 1992. Counting or multiplying the parts of things. For example, a page with several clowns, each holding bunches of balloons asks, "How many clowns? How many bunches of balloons? How many balloons?"

The Great Math Tattle Battle by Anne Bowen. A. Whitman, 2006. Two kids learn to stop tattling while doing math.

Hat Tricks Count: A Hockey Number Book by Matt Napier. Sleeping Bear Press, 2005. Numbers introduce rules, history and famous names in hockey.

Math for Smarty Pants by Marilyn Burns. Little, Brown, 1982. Lots of puzzles and patterns and things to do for kids who are good readers.

Mission Addition by Loreen Leedy. Holiday House, 1997. A class gets introduced to addition facts and solves a mystery.

The Mission of Addition by Brian P. Cleary. Millbrook Press, 2005. Fun ways to learn addition.



One More Bunny: Adding from One to Ten by Rick Walton. Harper Festival, 2001. Addition facts 1 to 10.

Sir Cumference and the Great Knight of Angleland: A Math Adventure by Cindy Neuschwander. Charlesbrige, 2001. A boy goes on a quest and uses angles to find his way through the forest and into the dungeon. There are other math adventures with Sir Cumference by the same author.

Slumber Party Problem Solving by Brian Sargent. Children's Press, 2006. A young girl gets ready for a sleep-over by figuring out how many sleeping bags, stuffed toys, pizza, etc. she'll need for herself and 3 guests.

Subtracting and Taking Away by Richard Leffingwell. Heinemann Library, 2006.

The Sundae Scoop by Stuart J. Murphy. Harper Collins, 2003. Possible combinations of ice cream, sauce and topping.

Ten Times Better by Richard Michelson. Marshall Cavendish, 2000. Numbers 1 to 10 each multiplied by 10 as animals vie to be bigger and better.

Too Many Kangaroo Things to Do by Stuart J. Murphy. Harper Collins, 1996. Australian animals throw a birthday party for the kangaroo. Introduces the 1, 2, 3, and 4 times tables up to 4×4 .



Appendix C

Online Links

The following are interactive sites, not places to print out worksheets. These are arranged by subject. The ones with aboriginal content are marked with a star (*).

Beading

Aunt Molly's Bead Street. <http://home.flash.net/~mjtafoya/home.htm>

*Beadwork designer. Native Tech Native American Technology and Art. Design a bead or loom project. <http://www.nativetech.org/beadwork/beadgraph/index.html>

Big Numbers

The MegaPenny Project. Kokogiak Media. An award-winning site with lots of ways to look at big numbers. <http://www.kokogiak.com/megapenny/nineteen.asp>

Charts and Graphs

National Center for Education Statistics, US Department of Education
<http://nces.ed.gov/nceskids/createagraph/default.aspx>

National Library of Virtual Manipulatives. Utah State University
http://nlvm.usu.edu/en/nav/frames_asid_323_g_1_t_5.html



Games

*Basket Concentration. <http://www.nativetech.org/basketry/gameindex.html>

Change Maker. FunBrain. <http://fen.funbrain.com/cashreg/index.html>

Frog Puzzle. David Hallam. Move the frogs to the other side of the pond.

<http://www.hellam.net/maths2000/frogs.html>

Fun Brain. Pearson Education.

<http://fen.funbrain.com/brain/MathBrain/MathBrain.html>

Math Cats. Wendy A. Petti. <http://www.mathcats.com/>

*Math Central, University of Regina.

<http://mathcentral.uregina.ca/RR/database/RR.09.00/treptau1/index.html>

*Native American Technology and Art. <http://nativetech.org/games/index.php>

Stock Market. Nova. <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/stockmarket/virtual.html>

Models and Demonstrations

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics

<http://illuminations.nctm.org/ActivitySearch.aspx>

National Library of Virtual Manipulatives. Utah State University.

<http://nlvm.usu.edu/>

$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$. Nova. <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/proof/puzzle/theorem.html>

$(a + b)^2$. NCTM. <http://illuminations.nctm.org/ActivityDetail.aspx?ID=127>

Number Operations (Add, Subtract, Multiply, Divide)

Wendy Sawatsky. University of Regina. Check the section on numbers and operations for games to play.

<http://mathcentral.uregina.ca/RR/database/RR.09.99/sawatzky1/>

A plus Math. <http://www.aplusmath.com/Games/index.html>



Appendix D

DVDs and Videos

The following list of math DVDs and videos has been roughly divided according to grade level. The best way to find math DVDs and videos for kids is to ask at your local library. You don't have to pay to borrow them, and usually you can have them for about a week. If you'd like to see one from the list below, ask your librarian to get it for you by inter-library loan.

Pre-school Children

JibberBoosh, Brain Games & Silly Stuff. 2002. Cerebellum Corp. 30 min.

Math Circus. 2004. Warner Home Video. 35 min.

Mickey's Reading & Math Fun; Mickey and the Beanstalk. 2005. Walt Disney Home Entertainment. 78 min.

Kindergarten to about Grade 3

Count on Math. 2004. Disney. A series by Disney Educational Productions. Titles include *Exploring Geometry*, 36 min.; *Organizing Data*, 13 min.; *Solving Equations*, 12 min.

Donald in Mathmagic Land. Disney Educational Productions. 2004, 1959. 26 min.

Get Ready for Math. Western Publishing Company. c1986. Golden Book Video. 27 min.



Math for Children. 2004. A series produced by Stone House Productions, Schlessinger Media,. Titles include *Addition*, *Division*, *Fractions*, *Geometry*, *Measurement*, *Money*, *Multiplication*, *Number Sense*, *Subtraction*, *Telling Time*.

**Thirteen Moons on Turtle's Back*. 1992. Retold by Joseph Bruchac and Jonathan London. Spoken Arts. 17 min.

Working with Numbers. 1991. Western Publishing Company. Golden Book Video. 30 min.

Grade 4 and Up

Basic Math (The Zany World of Basic Math). 1997. Cerebellum Corp. 105 min.

Cyberchase. Totally Rad. 2004. PBS Kids. 80 min.

Hip Hop Homeroom: Math Made Fun. 2006. Blast Films. 40 min.

Math Challenge. 2004. The series features Dr. Strangeglove and secret agent Matt Mattics. Titles include *Decimals*, *Equations*, *Fractions*, *Percentages*. 10–15 min. each.

Math Curse. 1998. Canadian Learning Company. 30 min.

Math—Who Needs It! with Jaime Escalante. 1991. FASE Productions. 58 min.

How to Do Homework without Throwing Up. 2004 Comical Sense Co. See also the book of the same name by Trevor Romain.

For Teachers and Parents

Thinking with Numbers. 2007. WGBH Boston Video. 404 min.

