

Stacking Pattern Blocks

1-to-1 Correspondence

Color Recognition

What You Need:

- Pattern Blocks

What You Do:

1. Put out a few blocks of the same color and shape, saying the name of the color. Say, "Today, we are going to build stacks of Pattern Blocks. I am choosing yellow ones to start our tower. What color block should we put on next? Great! You may put one of your blocks on top of each of my blocks."
2. Have fun building and crashing towers. Gentle Reminder: Coach your child to keep the towers the same. Each tower should have the same number and color type of blocks.



Next Steps:

- Increase the number and height of the towers.
- Play a fun game called "You Can't Trick Me!".
 - Put out some blocks.
 - Give your child too many or too few of another color block. Ask him if he thinks he has just the right number of blocks so each tower will get one, and only one, of his blocks.
 - Let him discover the answer by putting his blocks on the towers.
 - If he was right, say, "I guess I can't trick you."
 - Trade places and see if your child can trick you.
- Count as you put out your original blocks and help your child count as he puts his blocks on top of yours.
- Use the name of the shape, instead of the color, to identify the blocks.

Variations:

- Use other building blocks such as Duplo Legos or wooden blocks.
- Put a gem or pebble on the top of each tower.