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## Introduction

Children learn to identify insects, pets, creatures that fly, and creatures that swim. The games featured in *FolderGames for Early Discovery* offer plenty of matching and identification skills practice.

Assemble a game for little ones to match *Bugs in a Jar*; match flowers as they play *Flower Quilt Lotto*; identify, eliminate, and match creatures that live in the ocean, and more.

Every game includes ready-to-color, cut out, and assemble game boards; game cards; a cover; and a storage pocket. Players follow directions to complete tasks and develop hand-eye coordination as they play these unique, skill-building games.

## General Directions

Use sturdy colored file folders to make FolderGames. Reproduce the game board patterns, cover, and any game pieces. Color all parts with markers, colored pencils, or crayons, then trim and cut out. Glue the game board patterns to the inside of the folder and the cover to the front of the folder.

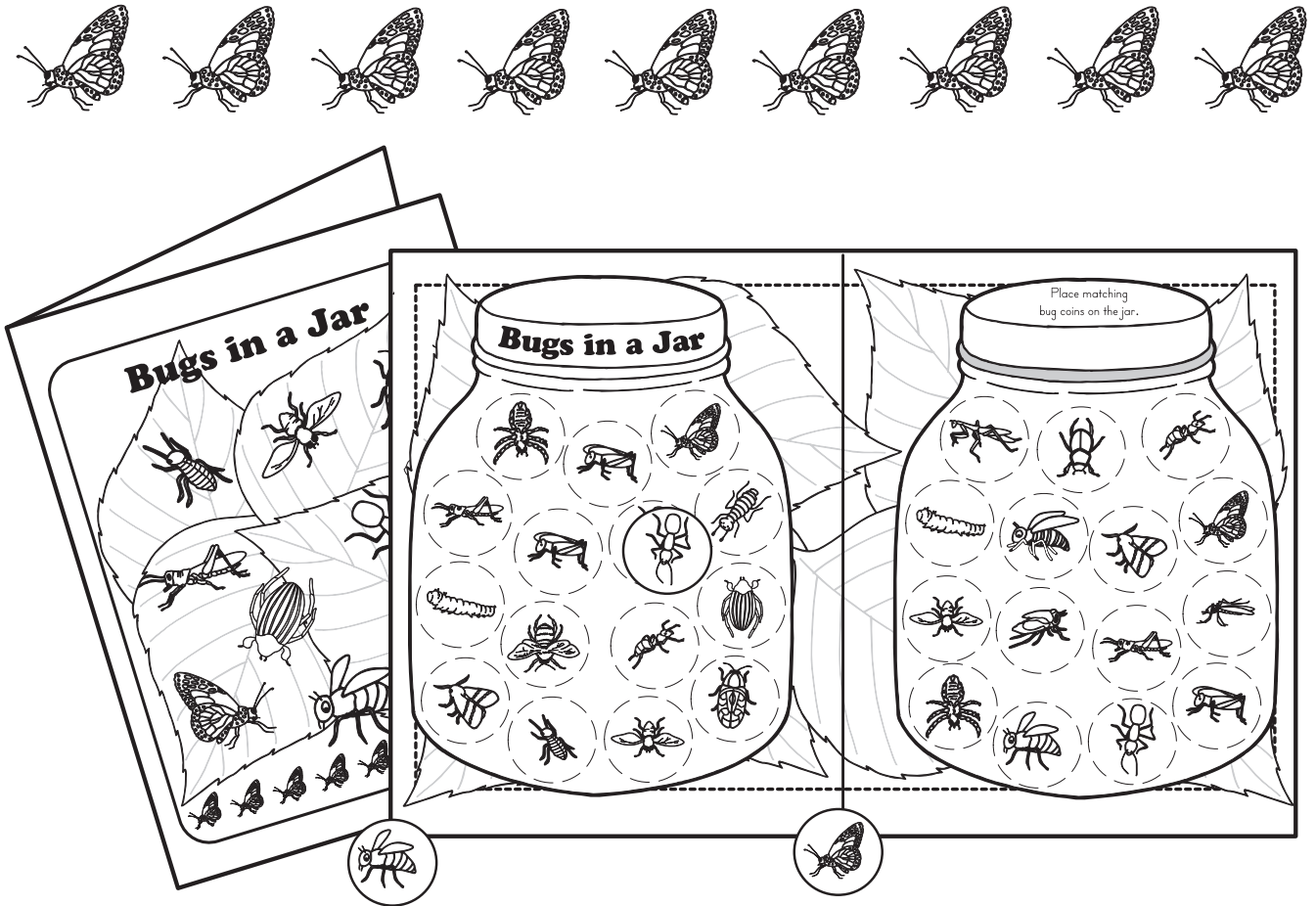
## Options

- Glue any loose patterns or game cards on oak tag for extra-sturdiness. Color and laminate. Cut out or trim as necessary to complete assembly.
- Color, cut out, and glue storage pockets on manila envelopes with clasps or to the backs of folders to store game pieces.
- Each set of game cards can be used as flash cards; to decorate storage containers, displays, and greeting cards; as well as for a game of Concentration.

## How To Use

Have the children take out any game pieces from the storage pocket and open the FolderGame on a table. Instruct children on how to play each game. Have the children return game pieces to the storage pocket after play. Store the FolderGames in a file box or basket.

# Bugs in a Jar



Make a *Bugs in a Jar* game folder for little ones to develop observation skills and practice matching bugs. Instruct players to choose a jar to play before beginning.

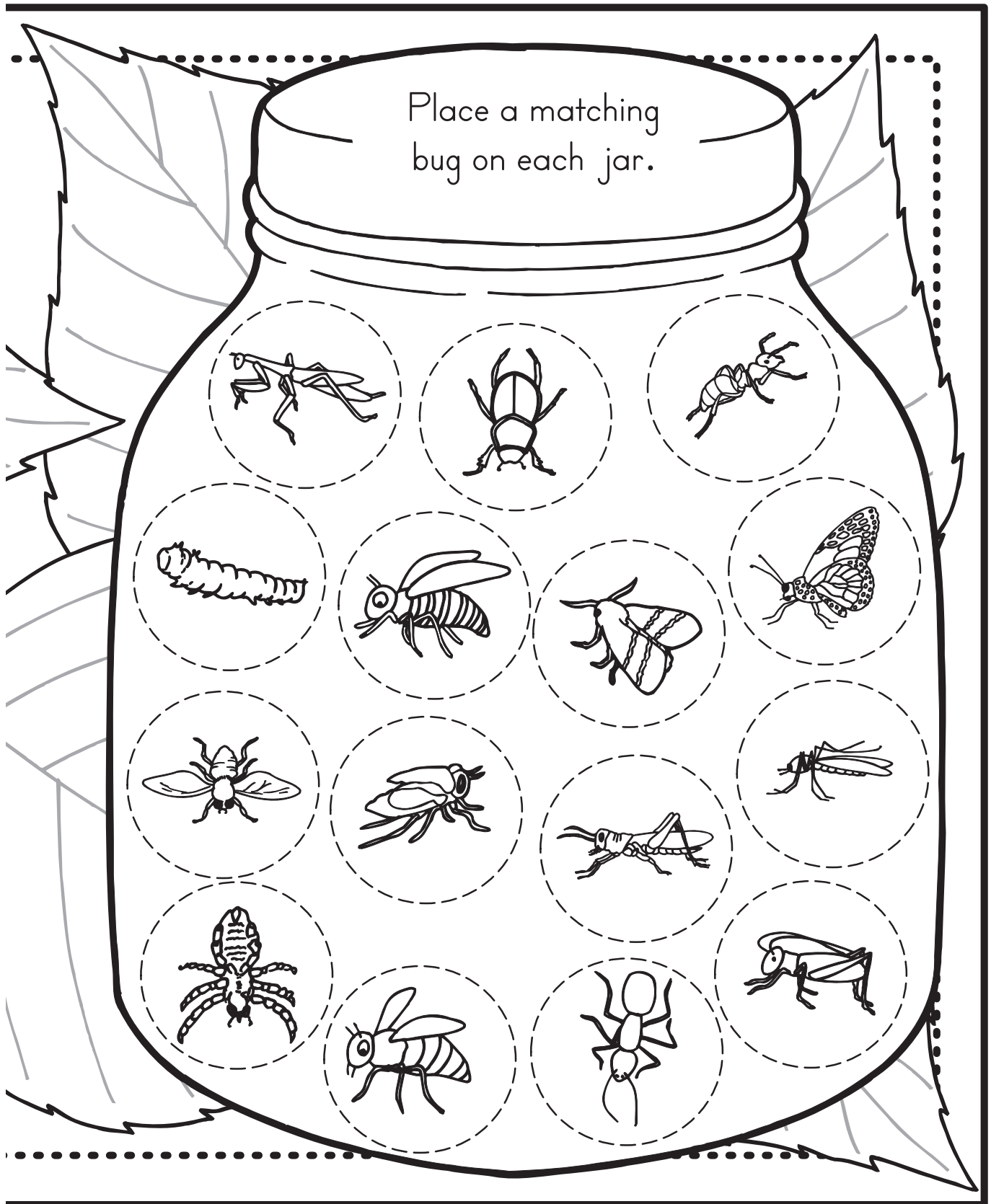
## For 2 Players

1. Place the game board on the table.
2. Shuffle and place the game cards face down on the table.
3. Draw a game card. If there is a match, place it on a matching space on your jar. If there is no match, place the game card face down on the table.
4. Play continues until all the spaces on the jars are covered with matching game cards.

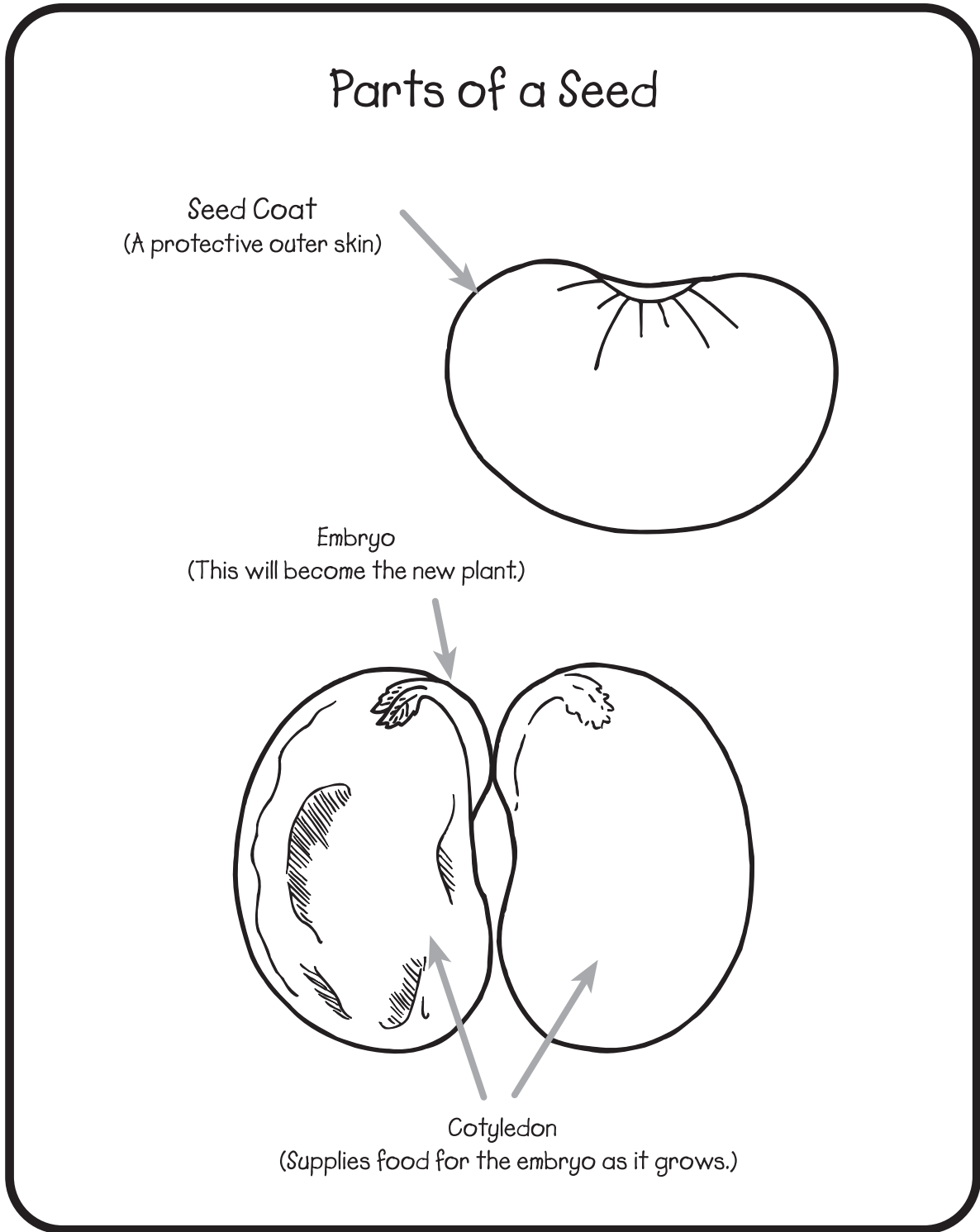
## Assembly

Reproduce and cut out two oak tag handles (p. 2). Glue the handles to the folder. Reproduce, color, and cut out the game patterns. Glue the cover to the front of the folder. Glue the game boards inside the folder. Tape a storage pocket to the back of the folder to store the game cards.

# Bugs in a Jar Game Board



# Parts of a Seed



Reproduce, color, and cut out the charts on pages 76-80. Glue each chart on a sheet of construction paper. Display the charts in an early discovery center.