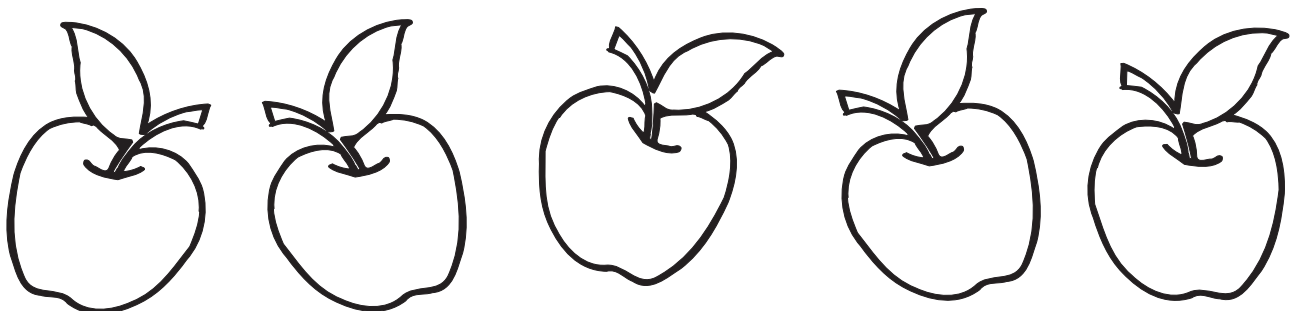


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Introduction

FolderGames for Letters presents activities to enrich early reading readiness skills for young learners in easy-to-make-and-use file folder set-ups. The folders can be used with individual children, small cooperative groups, in learning centers, or with families at home.

The activities in *FolderGames for Letters* help to reinforce pre-reading and beginning-reading learning in an enjoyable and stimulating format. The activities range from alphabet identification to matching uppercase and lowercase letters to recognizing vowels and consonants. A variety of hands-on responses, including placing objects, clipping on clothespins, and connecting the dots, keep the children actively engaged.

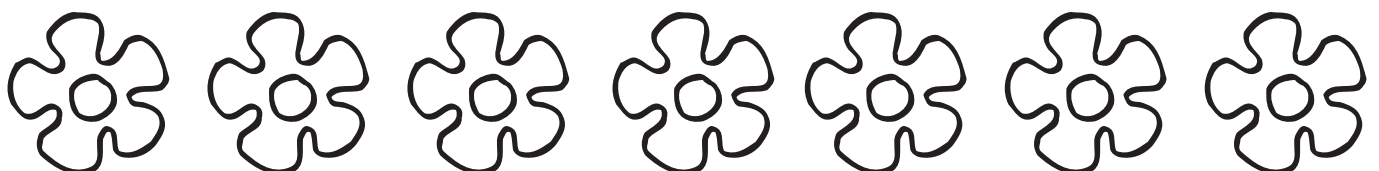
Each FolderGames activity includes the file folder layout and the activity to be duplicated, easy directions for assembly, and simple directions for use.

General Directions

Use sturdy colored file folders for the FolderGames folders. Duplicate the inside file folder set-up, the illustration for the folder cover, and any game pieces. Color all parts with felt pens, colored pencils, or crayons. Then trim and cut out. Glue the file folder set-up to the inside of the folder and the illustration to the outside front. Glue any loose patterns, such as markers or cards, onto oak tag for extra-sturdiness. Color and laminate. Cut out or trim as necessary to complete construction. Buttons or other small objects may be used for markers that are not provided. Glue a manila envelope with a clasp to the back of the file folder for games that include loose parts. Some games, such as Star Hoppers, include non-matching cards. Non-matching cards challenge children to differentiate matches from non-matches. Patterns throughout the book can have multiple uses. For instance, make Concentration card decks using game card patterns.

Activity Use

Have the children take out any loose parts from the envelope and open the file folder on the work area. Instruct the children on how to play the game. Have the children replace any loose parts in the envelope after play. Store the folders in a file basket. Pages 5-15 provide additional information for particular activities.



Vegetable Soup

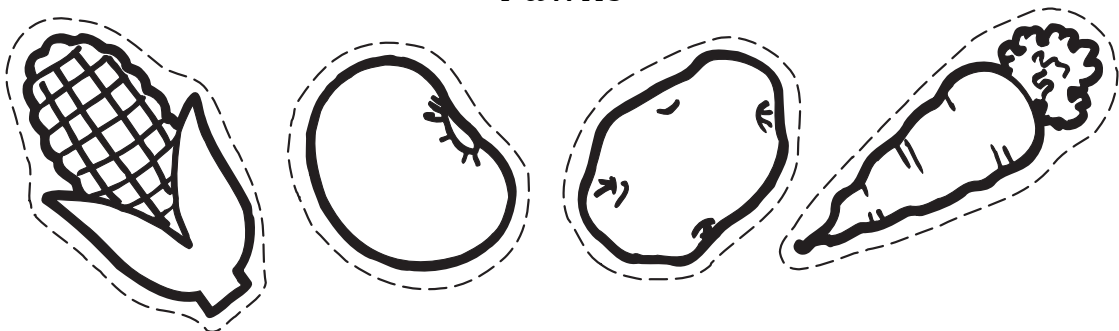
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Assembly

Reproduce, cut out, and glue a set of oak tag handles (p. 192) to a standard-size file folder. Option: Decorate each handle with a copy of the vegetables shown above. Reproduce, color, and cut out the "Vegetable Soup" patterns. Matching in the center, glue the game board patterns to the inside of the folder. Glue the cover art to the front of the folder. Decorate the border around the game board, then laminate. Reproduce, color, laminate, then cut out the pawns and two sets of game cards. Glue an envelope to the back of the folder for pawn and game card storage. Option: Reproduce, cut out, and glue the Trail Game Playing Directions to the back of the folder.

Pawns



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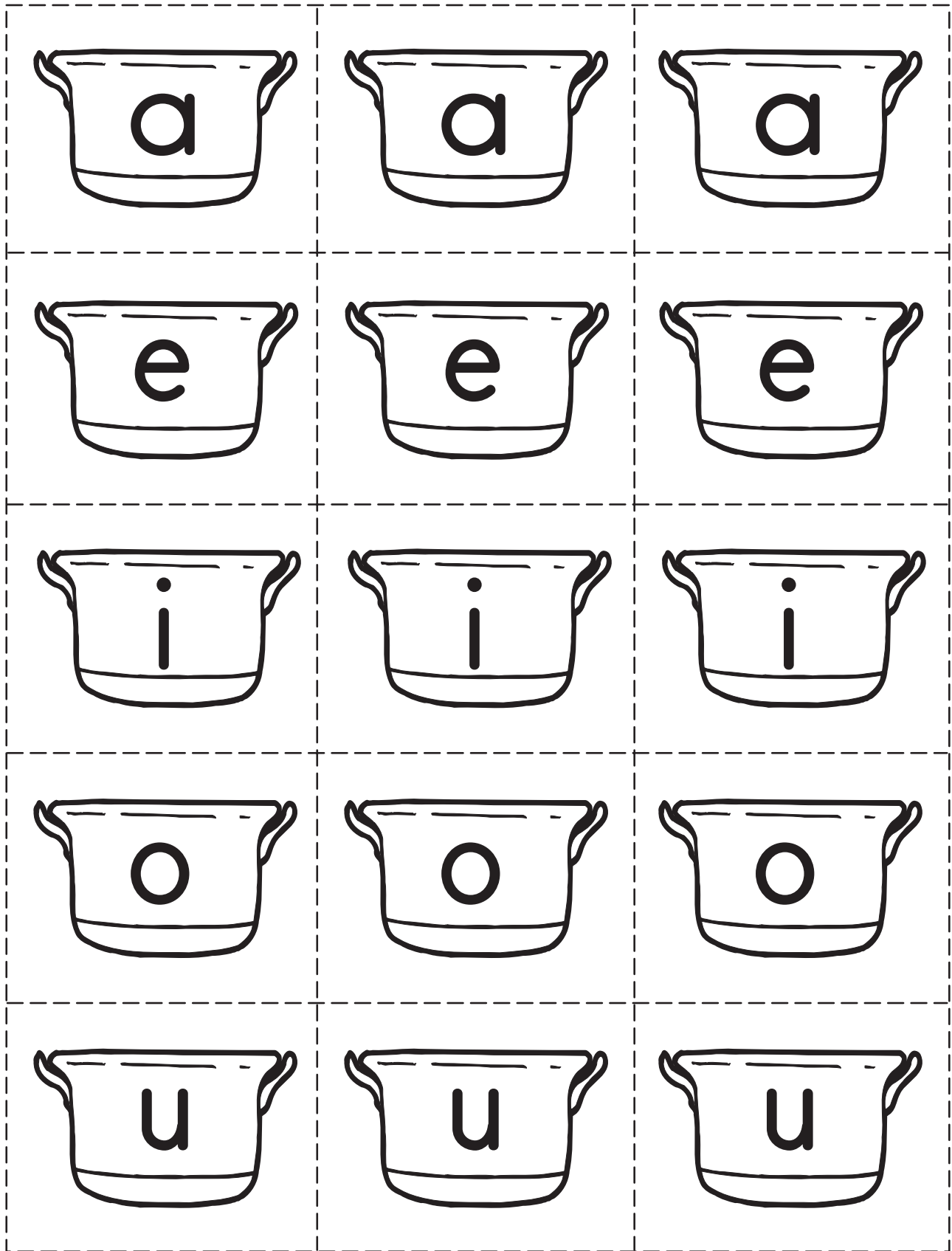
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Help the vegetables find their way to the vegetable soup pot.

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Reproduce, color, and cut apart two sets of cards.