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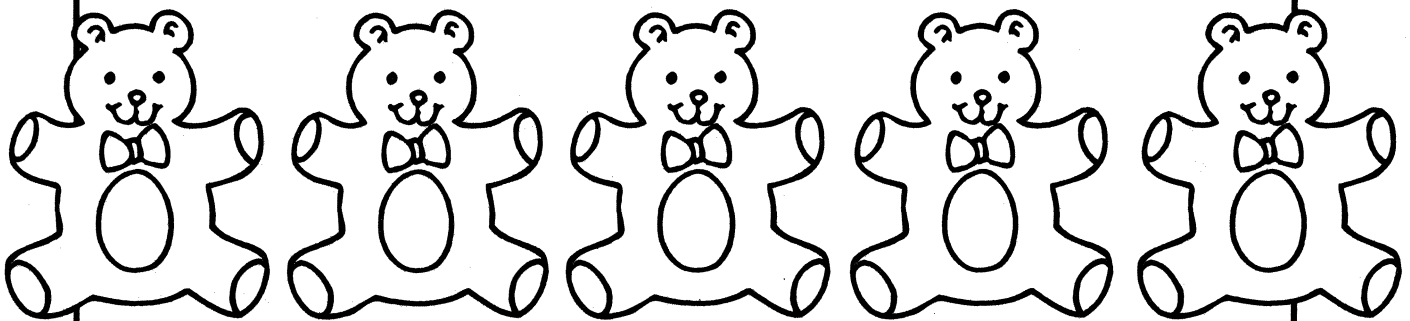
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Introduction

KinderFolders for Maths Readiness presents activities to enrich readiness concepts and number skills for preschool and early primary aged children in easy-to-make-and-use file folder set-ups. The folder can be used with individual children, small cooperative groups or in learning centres.

The activities in *KinderFolders for Maths Readiness* help to reinforce and motivate maths learning in an enjoyable format. To develop pre-academic readiness skills, children do such work as match basic shapes to musical characters, track left to right with cards, match little fish to big fish, and match bear and duck look-alikes. Number concepts are fostered by such activities as matching symbols to objects, matching sets to number symbols and playing number dominoes. Activities that focus on beginning subtraction and addition skills and the concept of more or less are also included. A variety of hands-on responses, including placing objects, clipping on clothespins, turning a spinner and making wool matches, keep the children actively engaged.

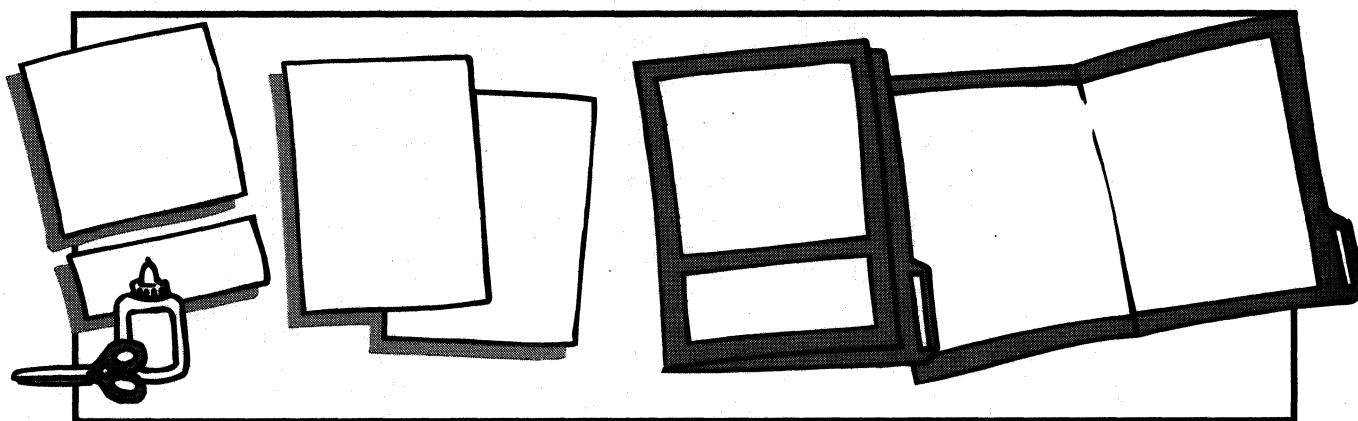
Each instant folder includes the file folder layout and the activity to be duplicated, with simple directions for use. A tab label and an illustration for the folder cover are also provided. General construction and use directions follow here. The "How to Make Instant Folders" section provides additional information for particular activities.



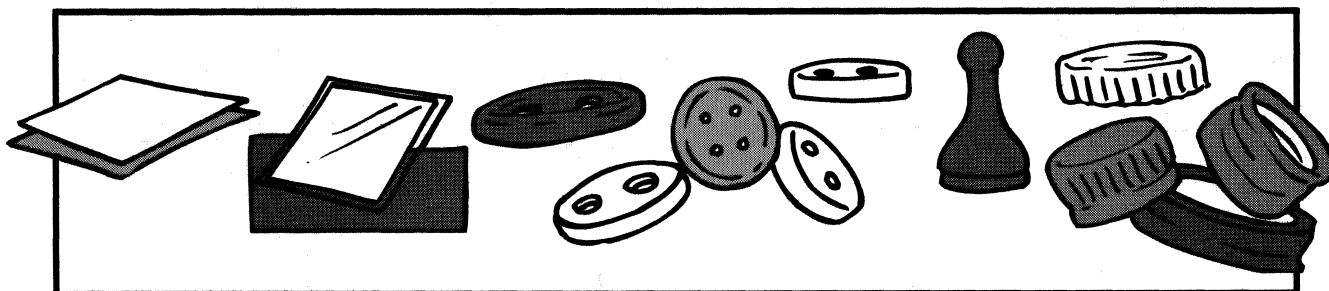
General Directions

Construction

Use sturdy coloured file folders for the instant folders. Duplicate the inside file folder set-up, the illustration for the activity and the activity label. Colour with felt pens, coloured 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 the directions with the "Book to Read" reference below the illustration. Glue the tab label onto the file folder tab. Laminate both sides of the file folder.



Glue the duplicated sheets, along with any loose parts, such as counters or spinners, onto cardboard for sturdiness. Colour and laminate. Cut out or trim as necessary and complete construction. A craft knife is recommended for making the slits and slots for the activities that require them. Buttons or other objects can be used for counters that are not provided. Keep all loose parts in an envelope glued to the back of the folder.



Activity Use

Have the children take out the activity and open the file folder on the work area. Instruct the children on how to play, referring to the directions. Have the children place the loose parts in the envelope after play, and deposit the folder in a file folder basket. If possible, read the recommended books prior to each activity for added motivation.