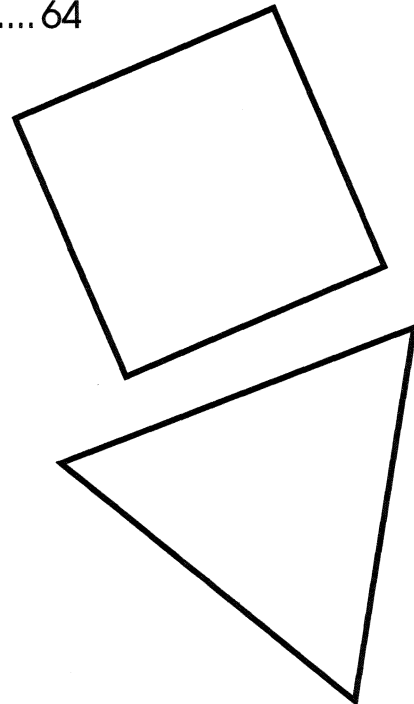
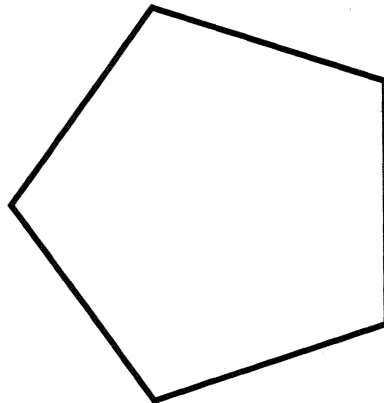
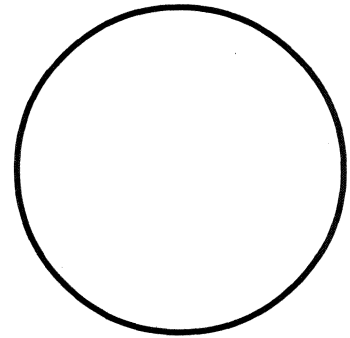
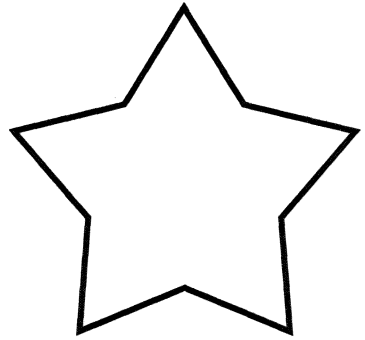


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# Introduction

Reinforce shapes and shapes recognition with the activity sheets, puzzles, shape train, game board, shape cards and take-home books in this book.

## Activity Sheets

Provide crayons, scissors and glue for children to complete activity sheets.

## Take-home Books

Make construction paper folders for children to make take-home books. Provide each child with one of the book covers (pages 5, 16, 27, 37) to colour, cut out and paste to the front of their folder. Write each child's name on the cover. Reproduce, cut off the tops of accompanying activity sheets and staple inside folders for take-home skills practice books.

## Shape Puzzles

Reproduce, colour and glue the shape puzzles (pages 48-58) onto cardboard. Write the shape name on the back of each puzzle. Laminate and cut each puzzle apart. Place the puzzle pieces in separate resealable bags. Reproduce and laminate the shape patterns page for children to self-check. Store the puzzle bags and the shape patterns poster in a manila envelope at a skills practice centre.

Reproduce, colour and glue the shapes puzzle boards (pages 57-58) and shapes (page 61) onto felt. Glue the puzzle boards to a sheet of corrugated board. Tape a manila envelope to the back of the puzzle board to store the felt shapes. Place the puzzle board in a skills practice centre for children to practise matching shapes.

## Shapes Train

Make a "Shape Train" from poster paper and the shape train patterns on pages 59-60. Measure, cut, fold and tape paper sheets to form a long accordion folder (see below). Reproduce, colour, cut out and glue the shape train engine and ten shape train cars to the accordion folder. Reproduce and cut out several coloured construction paper shapes (page 61). Store the shapes in resealable plastic bags. For a group skills practice activity, place shapes in an open basket. Say the name of a shape out loud. Then have children, in turn, choose the correct shape from the basket to place on the correct shape train car. Store shapes in a manila envelope.

## Shape Trail Game Board

Reproduce, colour, cut out and glue the game board patterns (pages 62-63) onto a manila file folder. Reproduce two sets of shape cards (page 64). To play, place the game board on a table. Place the shape cards face down in the play area. In turn, each child draws a card and names the shape. If correct, the child may move to the next space that matches the shape on the card. If incorrect, the card is returned to the deck and the next player takes their turn.

