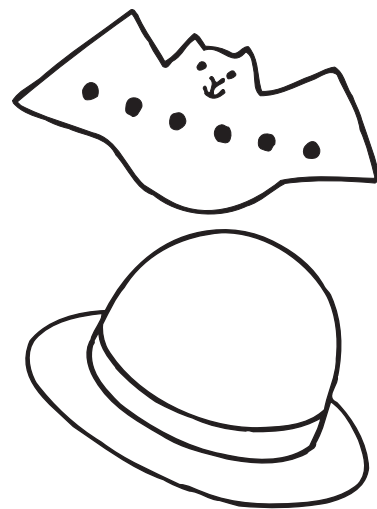


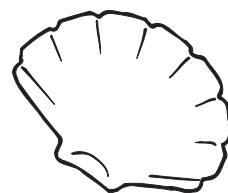
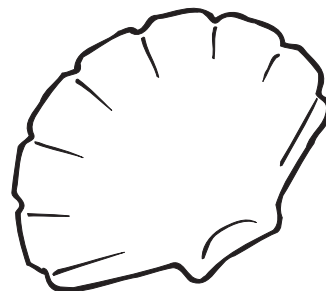
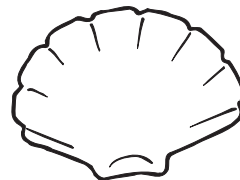
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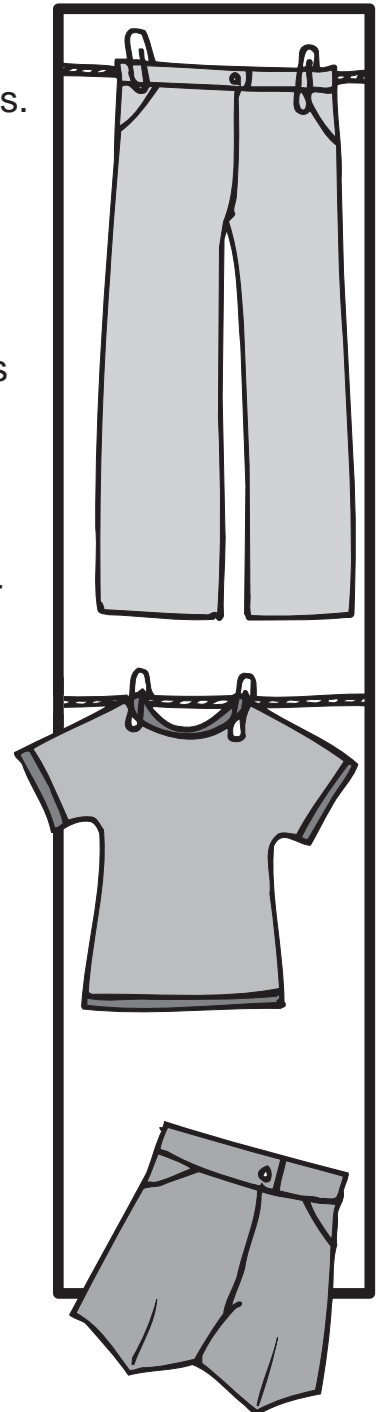


Introduction

SuperGames for Early Maths fosters maths-readiness skills by using amusing and easy-to-make games that children will adore. The activities in this book help children learn to recognise numbers, place numerals in correct order, sort by size, organise numbers in sequence and match numerals to same number of objects. Most of the games have familiar nursery rhyme themes that children will recognise. The rhymes are provided on the directions page. Read the rhymes aloud, write them on a whiteboard or duplicate a copy for children to take home and share with their families.

A variety of games are included in this engaging resource. Some game boards such as 'Finding mittens' use counters and spinners. Others use cards that children place on top of larger patterns, such as 'Counting spots'. Children also match Concentration cards and use patterns as manipulatives, as in 'Counting clothes'.

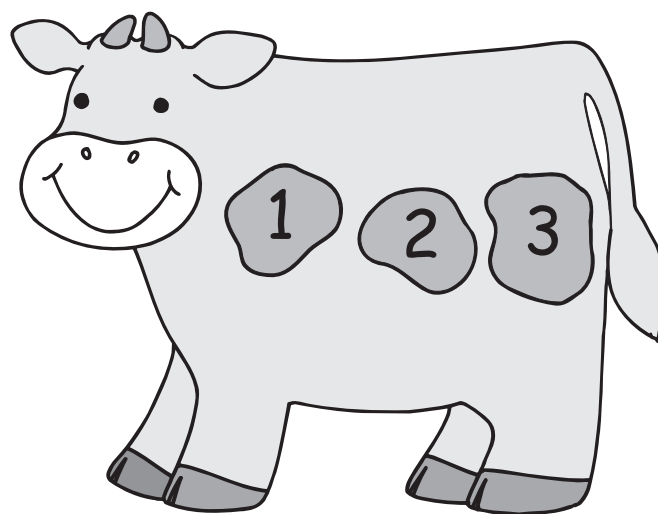
Further involve children in the creation of the game boards by having them help colour and cut out the game pieces. This will bolster children's creativity and fine motor skills.



Many of the games may be easily altered to suit your students' needs. For example, you can do subtraction activities by having children remove spots from the cow in 'Counting spots'. For younger children, you can provide only five spots instead of ten. Or use self-sticking dots for children to stick to their cow patterns as they help you count out loud. Children can add their own game cards to 'Bells on their toes' by drawing rings and cutting out the pictures. (Or turn this game into a hands-on activity by providing pipe cleaner rings for children to actually put on their fingers and toes!) If children need additional help with the games, start by playing the games as a class. Divide the children into teams and act as the moderator. Once children become familiar with the rules of the games, they will be able to play on their own in small groups. Some games may be used by individual children in centres. Duplicate copies of the games and instructions and send them home for the families to play with the children.

The multi-purpose patterns in this book can easily be used in more than one way. For instance, you might enlarge certain patterns for noticeboard displays. Or use the patterns for desk or cubby labels, report covers or cutting and pasting activities. At the end of this book are number pages, along with a page of suggestions for using these creative patterns.

Once children are familiar with the various types of games in *SuperGames for Early Maths*, consider working as a class to make additional games based on other nursery rhymes. Or create new games based on the rhymes used in this book.



Counting spots

Cows are featured in many different nursery rhymes, including 'Skip to My Lou' and 'Little Boy Blue'. Tell or read one of the nursery rhymes to the children before they do this activity or while they are colouring their cows.

Materials:

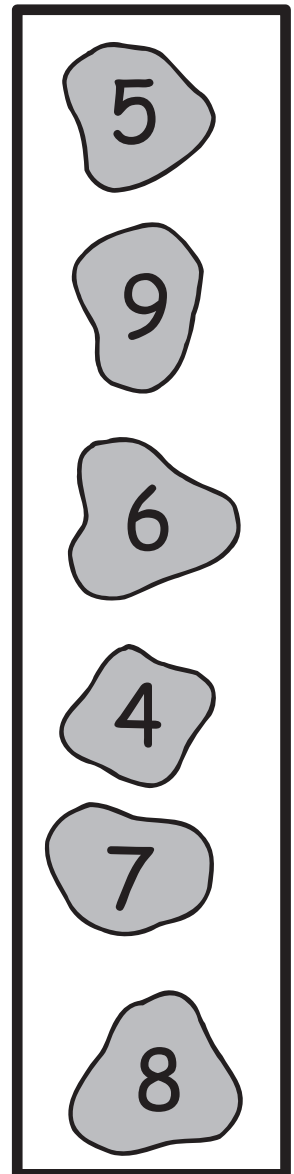
Cow, spots, crayons or textas, scissors, large envelopes (optional)

Directions:

1. Duplicate a copy of the cow pattern and spots pattern for each child.
2. Either cut out the spots or let children cut the spots out themselves.
3. Children can colour their spots and cows using crayons or textas.
4. Lead the children through a counting exercise by having them place the spots on their cows as you count.
5. Simple addition problems can be done by adding more Spots.
6. When you are finished with the counting activity, children can either store their cows and spots in large envelopes, or provide glue sticks for children to use to permanently glue the spots to the cows.

Option:

Duplicate a herd of cows for the children to count. Post the cows on a green construction paper field background.



Little Boy Blue

Little Boy Blue come blow your horn,
The sheep's in the meadow, the cow's in the corn.
Where is the boy who looks after the sheep?
He's under the haystack, fast asleep!

Cow

