

ACTIVITY TIME

My First Coloured Shapes

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Read through the book together and let your toddler hold the book. Your child may like to touch or trace each shape and say what colours they can see. Which is your child's favourite shape? Or favourite colour? Ask them why it is their favourite colour/shape?

This book is simple to allow for conversations about each shape. It also is a good book for you to read or talk in your home language. When children have a strong foundation in their home language then it is easier for them to learn English or other languages. Recycle some simple items from around your home to make some binoculars. Your child can then become a colour or shape detective.

Colour or Shape Detective Binoculars

You will need:

- Colour or Shape Detective Binoculars template
- Cardboard rolls
- Paper
- Strip of paper
- Milk container lid
- Scissors
- Crayons or colouring in pencils
- Sticky tape.

Instructions:

1. Decorate the paper.
2. Tape cardboard rolls together.
3. Wrap the paper around the rolls and tape the paper ends together.
4. Tape your lid on the front of the binoculars.
5. Tape on the strip of paper as the strap.

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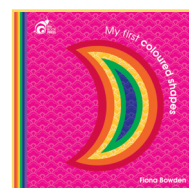
- Look for shapes around your home, or when you are out and about. Can you spy a square window, rectangle door, round plate? What other shapes or colours can you find with your binoculars?
- Use coloured chalk on the pavement and draw shapes like the ones in the book.

Songs to sing

There's a spot over here and a spot over there, Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, The Colour song (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cWogqwbHyxk>)

Key message

Children are born ready to use and learn mathematics.



Adult supervision is essential. Involve and talk with your child as much as possible.



***You can introduce simple Science Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM) concepts to children aged 2+ years through every day play.**

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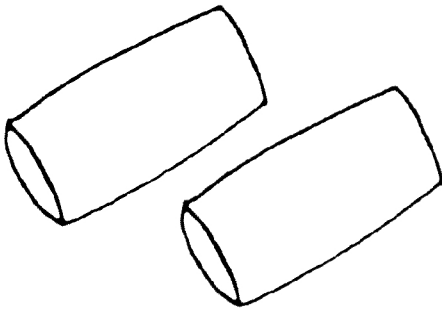
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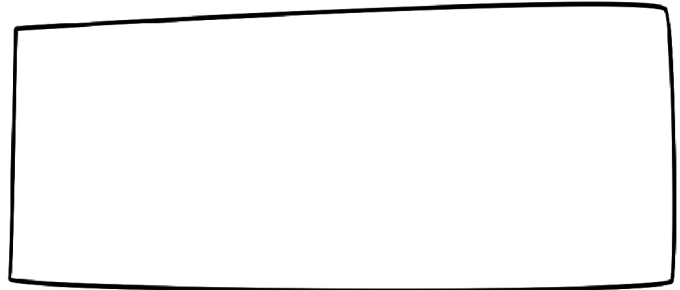
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You will need:



2 cardboard rolls



paper



milk container lid

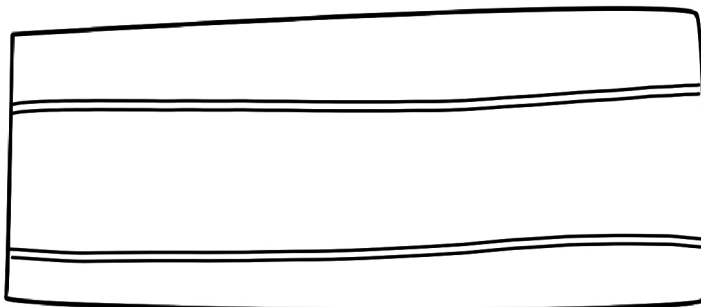


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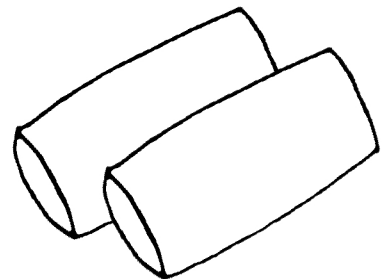


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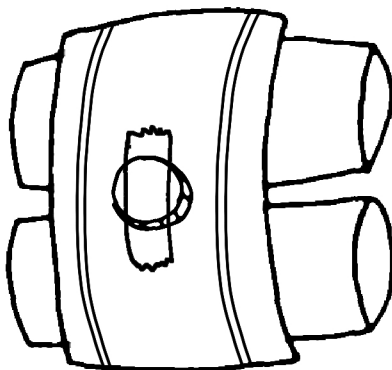
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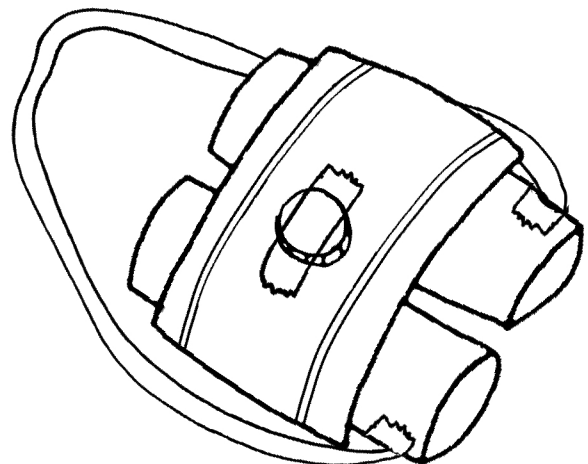
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2. tape cardboard rolls together



3. wrap around paper and tape then tape on lid



4. tape on strip of paper