



This text combines narrative and nonfiction in a most delightful way, fully engaging young readers with the mystery of the story as well as the opportunity to explore and discuss shapes.

Shape by Shape

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Activity: Shapes All Around

Before Kindergarten, children should be able to:

- Recognize and identify circles, squares, rectangles, and triangles.
- Match objects based on shape.
- Copy a shape on paper.

Activity:

- ❖ Purchase shape magnets found at the Dollar Store or Wal-Mart. Have the children pick out all of a shape you name and put them on a cookie sheet. You could also have the children pick out all of the shapes of the same color. Find some shape flash cards (also at the Dollar Store) and you can hot glue a piece of magnet onto the back of each card, have your child match the shape on the card with the shape magnet on the cookie sheet.

Alternate Activity:

- ❖ Get an assortment of pasta (bow ties, shells, wheels, penne pasta etc.). Have child group similar pasta together. You could have them put the matching pasta in cups or bowls or anything else you can think of that you may have around your house or library. Discuss with children how the shapes are alike, how they are different, how