

Letters to a “Tee”

Primary Objectives

- 7a. Uses fingers and hands
- 16a. Identifies and names letters

Why It’s Important

Children are often anxious to learn about letters so they can use them in their everyday activities. You can reinforce your child’s understanding of letter shapes through this tactile activity. Helping her “feel” each letter is a good way to teach her to recognize it in print.

Materials

Colored construction paper; markers; golf tee or dull pencils for poking holes in paper; carpet squares or foam rubber

What You Do

1. Invite your child to learn a “magical way” of writing with you. Let her know that you are going to experiment with making letters by punching holes.
2. Using a marker, write one letter on each sheet of construction paper. Talk with your child about the letters she knows. Pay particular attention to the letters in her name. Adjust the letters used for the activity as appropriate for your child.
3. Model how to place the construction paper on the carpet square or foam. Show your child how to safely use the golf tee to punch along the outline of the letter. Talk with her about the letter’s name and what it looks like. *The letter S curves around like a snake.*
4. Show your child how she can use a marker to connect the holes. Invite her to write other letters or shapes and punch them on her own.
5. When she is finished, talk with your child about the attributes of the letters she made. Continue the activity for as long as she is interested.