

PEG PATTERNS

Help children build patterning skills by lacing pegs. Start with simple patterns (for example, lace the following pegs: red, blue, red, blue). This is called an AB pattern. Ask children, "What color peg comes next?" As children become familiar with simple patterns, add another color or try an ABB pattern (red, blue, blue, red, blue, blue).

CAN YOU GUESS?

Place 5 different-colored pegs in a row on the play mat. Have children study the pegs, then close their eyes while you remove 1 peg. Ask children to guess which color peg is missing. Repeat this activity but switch roles, so you guess which peg is missing.



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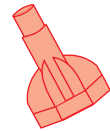
ACTIVITY GUIDE

RAINBOW PEG PLAY™

Colorful Rainbow Peg Play™ Activity Set is hands-on fun with colors, numbers, and shapes! Extra big pegs are specifically designed for little hands to hold, string, count, sort, and stack. Great for reinforcing eye-hand coordination, too!

INCLUDES:

- 30 Rainbow Stacking Pegs in 6 colors
- Reversible Play Mat
- 2 ·36" laces



FREE PLAY FUN

Before you begin the structured activities below, allow children time for free play. Show children how to stack the pegs. Tie a knot in one end of a lace and help children string the pegs.

COLOR STACKS

Place the solid-colored side of the mat face up. Arrange 5 different-colored pegs in a row across the top of the mat. Have children sort the pegs by color. Ask children to



complete each row with matching pegs. Have children say the color name out loud as they place pegs on the mat. Repeat this activity, but ask children to build color towers by stacking the pegs.

COLOR RACE

This game requires 2 or more players. The object of the game is to complete a row of same-color pegs. To begin, place the mat with the solid-colored side up. Arrange 5 different-colored pegs in a row across the top of the mat. Select all the remaining pegs with matching colors and put them into an opaque container. Ask children to guess which color will "win" the color race. Then, allow them to take turns drawing a peg from the container and placing it in the correct color row. The first color row to be completed is the winner!

Color Race 2

The object of this game is the same as above. Each player chooses a color at the beginning of the game and places one peg at the top of the mat. Put the remaining pegs (which match the colors chosen) into an opaque container. Players take turns drawing a peg. If they choose their own color peg, they add it to their row. If they choose a different color peg, they return the peg to the container and it is the next player's turn. The first player to complete his or her row of pegs wins!

COLOR HUNT

Hide pegs around the room by placing them near matching color objects. Encourage children to find the pegs by looking for objects that match the colors of the

pegs. Younger children can look for pegs of just one color (for example, hide only blue pegs).

COUNT UP

Have children stack pegs as high as they can. Ask children to count out loud as they stack each peg. Next, make 5 stacks of pegs to demonstrate the numbers 1 to 5 (for example, 1 red peg, 2 blue pegs, 3 yellow pegs, etc.). Ask children, "How many red pegs are there?" and, "How many blue pegs are there?" etc. Help children compare the stacks of pegs. Use the words "more" and "fewer" to describe the stacks.

SHAPE UP

Place the mat printed side up. Help children identify the different shapes: circle, oval, triangle, square, trapezoid, rectangle. Tell children, "Fill in the square with blue pegs," or, "Use purple and yellow pegs to fill in the rectangle," or ask, "What shape has the number 2 in it?" Encourage counting by asking children, "How many pegs does it take to fill in the triangle?" or, "Which shape has more pegs, the triangle or the square?"

LACING FUN

Lacing pegs is great practice for eye-hand coordination.

Encourage color recognition by asking children to say the colors out loud as they lace each peg.

Build counting skills by asking children to count out loud as they lace each peg.

