

# Activity Idea

<b>Activity</b>	Shape and spatial awareness
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<b>Ideas for babies and toddlers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Provide lots commentary:</b> about shapes you see, shapes you are using and shape properties such as <i>bumpy</i> and <i>smooth</i>. Use lots of positional language such as <i>in</i>, <i>out</i>, <i>under</i> and <i>over</i>.</li> <li>• <b>Provide lots of space:</b> for babies and toddlers to move about, discover things and develop a sense of their bodies in the space around them.</li> <li>• <b>Provide resources that encourage babies and toddlers to repeat actions:</b> shape sorters, rolling a ball down a ramp etc.</li> <li>• <b>Provide a range of malleable materials:</b> paint, playdough, gloop, sand, mud etc. and comment on shapes as these materials are explored and manipulated.</li> <li>• <b>Provide a ranges of different shaped objects:</b> from standard blocks to natural materials such as pine cones and shells.</li> <li>• <b>Provide objects that fit inside of each other:</b> stacking rings, stacking cups, containers and resources, shape sorters and simple inset puzzles.</li> <li>• <b>Provide lots of blocks and construction materials:</b> encourage and build with babies and toddlers.</li> </ul>
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