**Place in Squares**

 5 min  1 participant

 

**Let’s play**

1. Search for square on the base plate.
2. Place one brick from the bowl inside each square.
3. Do not let the brick touch the walls of the square!

**How to prepare**

* 1 base plate
* 33 random bricks
* 1 bowl

On the base plate, build the first square in the top left edge: start from left to right with 3 horizontal bricks, adding 2 vertical bricks below each end. Complete the square by adding a bottom horizontal line of 3 bricks.

Add 2 more squares anywhere on the base plate.

Place the 3 remaining bricks in a bowl.

**Facilitation tips**

* Encourage the child to use both his hands.
* Ensure the child understands the difference between inside and outside the square.
* Encourage child to imagine different scenarios: i.e. these 3 dogs are tired. Help each of them find a doghouse.
* Deepen recognition of basic shapes in 3 dimensions first, then in 2 dimensions with LEGO on a base plate.

**Possible variations**

* Change the number of squares.
* Place more than one brick in each square…
* Build squares and rectangles and choose in which shape to place the brick.

**Children will develop these holistic skills**

* PHYSICAL - Discover the “spatial organization of a page”

 Repeat a gesture for stabilization and effectiveness

* COGNITIVE - Recognize spatial relationships

 Recognize, classify and sort basic shapes in 2 dimensions

**Did you know**

* Playful experiences support children in developing the skills to serve them, their communities and society through a lifetime.
* Playful experiences in the early years allow you to acquire the critical skills for learning throughout a lifetime.