

Matching bricks

Having fun sorting and matching bricks together.

Skills we will be engaging

SOCIAL — Sharing ideas, taking turns, copying.

EMOTIONAL — Having fun, curiosity, feeling calm.

COGNITIVE — Sorting, matching.

CREATIVE — Discovering different ways of matching.

PHYSICAL — Connecting bricks in different ways.

Getting ready

- Aim for a time of the day that works for your family.
- Read the activity beforehand and get the materials ready.
- Feel free to adapt the activity to meet individual needs (e.g. avoid disliked colours or use a soft surface to reduce brick noise)
- Have a snack and a drink, a movement break and a quick trip to the toilet.

You will need

- Variety of bricks, two of each type.
- Bag or cardboard box.



How to play

- 01 **Sort the bricks** into 2 groups of matching bricks.
- 02 **Put one group of bricks** into a bag or box.
- 03 Place the **other group of bricks** in front of you and your child.
- 04 Ask your child to take a brick from the bag and ask "**can you find a brick that goes with that one?**"
- 05 Talk about **how they think the bricks match**.
- 06 **Celebrate** by connecting the matching bricks.
- 07 Keep **taking turns** finding a match for every brick.
- 08 **Make a tower** from the bricks.



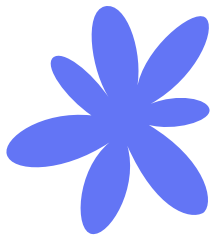
“Now it's your turn.”



“Shall we make a tower with our bricks?”

Talk & play

- Take a few moments to watch what your child is doing. Notice and comment on what is happening.
- You might like to ask your child some questions while you play.



Go with the flow

If the activity doesn't go exactly to plan, or you do things differently to the way they are described in the instructions, then that's ok. Go with the flow, follow your child's lead and have fun!

Adapt the activity

Make it easier

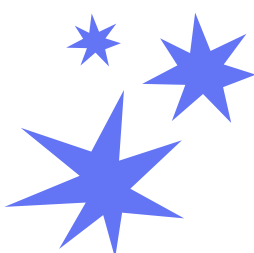
- **Use fewer bricks.**
- **Work together** to find the matching bricks.
- **You choose a brick** and give your child three bricks to choose from to match it with.
- You could try **tapping the bricks together** to when they match!

Including others

- Add more players with their own set of bricks.
- Play in pairs.

Let's do a challenge

- **Let your child choose** which bricks to use for the activity.
- **Describe the brick** from the bag without showing it to the other person.
- Use **more bricks.**
- Use bricks of the **same colour** and match them by shape or number of studs instead.
- Match all the bricks as fast as you can. See if you can **beat your fastest time!**
- Use **non-dominant hand** to pick up the matching brick.



Signs of Success

Check-in with your child and see if they are having fun, you know your child best, and you'll recognise what fun looks like for them. Remember it's about everyone feeling happy and relaxed.