



Sorting bricks

Have fun together sorting bricks in different ways!

Skills we will be engaging

- SOCIAL — Listening, taking turns.
- EMOTIONAL — Having fun, feeling calm.
- COGNITIVE — Sorting bricks, describing bricks.
- CREATIVE — Finding new ways of sorting.
- PHYSICAL — Picking up pieces, understanding space.

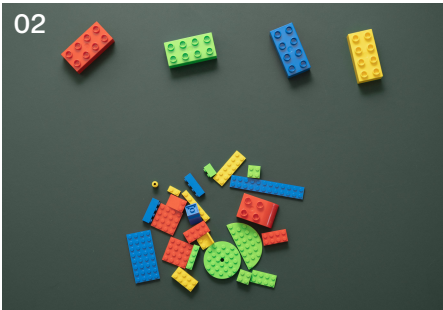
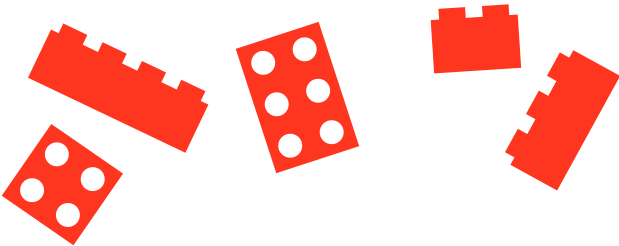
You will need

- 10-20 bricks of different colours, shapes and sizes.



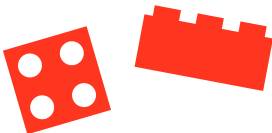
Getting ready

- 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.




How to play

- 01 Place your **bricks on a tray or flat surface.**
- 02 Say to your child *"Let's sort the bricks into different colours."*
- 03 Let your child **start sorting.**
- 04 When they have finished encourage your child to **build something** with the bricks.





"Well done!
You've sorted
all of the yellow
bricks."



"Can you find
anything else in
the room that
is blue?"

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 **less bricks**.
- **Limit the sort**. Choose bricks to sort into 2 groups. E.g. green and red.
- **Show** your child how to sort by doing the first few bricks.
- **Start with 1 brick** in each category and practice saying the colours together.

Including others

- The children take turns to choose a category.
- The children sort the bricks, and the adult guesses what the categories are.

Let's do a challenge

- **Switch the sort**. Sort by colours and then see if you can change to sort by shape.
- **Switch back**. Can you switch back to sorting by colours?
- Let your **child create** their own categories.
- **Make the categories more specific**. Can you sort into different shades of colours? E.g., light and dark.
- **Speed challenge**. How quickly can you sort the bricks against the clock?
- Use 'pinch fingers', tweezers, tongs or similar **to pick up bricks**.
- Try picking up the bricks with your dominant **hand behind your back**.



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.