

Color Wheel

Age: Preschool-age (3-4 years)

This activity helps your child's development in this domain: Cognitive

What You Need:



- Light cardboard such as a manila file folder or cereal box
- 8- or 9-inch paper plate
- Scissors (for adult use only)
- Washable markers or jumbo crayons
- Six wooden clothespins

What To Do:

1. Place an eight- to nine-inch plate over the cardboard and trace around it to make a circle. Cut out the circle.
2. Draw lines to divide the circle into six equal parts (pie pieces).
3. Have your child color each of the pie pieces with a different color. You might start with the primary colors—red, blue, and yellow—and then the secondary colors—purple, orange and green—that result when two primary colors are mixed. If your child already knows the primary colors, choose six new colors to learn.
4. Have your child color the wooden clothespins to match the color of each pie piece.
5. Encourage her to clip the colored clothespin to the matching color on the wheel.
6. Discuss the color names with her as she matches the clothespins to the color wheel. For example, "What color is this clothespin? Do you see anything else that's blue in the room? Can you find some red toys in this room?"
7. If you speak another language, use the words from that language to name the colors. For example in Tagalog, red is pula, blue is bugháw, and yellow is



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VARIATION:

Instead of using colors, write numbers or letters in each pie piece and on each corresponding clothespin. Have your child match the numbers or letters on the clothespins to the numbers or letters on the pie pieces.

! Safety Alert: Adult-size scissors are not safe for young preschoolers. Keep them out of children's reach.

