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# Shapes

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*Playing with familiar 2D and 3D objects and shapes helps young children understand more fully and effectively the names and properties of shapes. This can be developed further using more complex shapes as your child gets older. It is a good idea to start with a circle, square and triangle.*

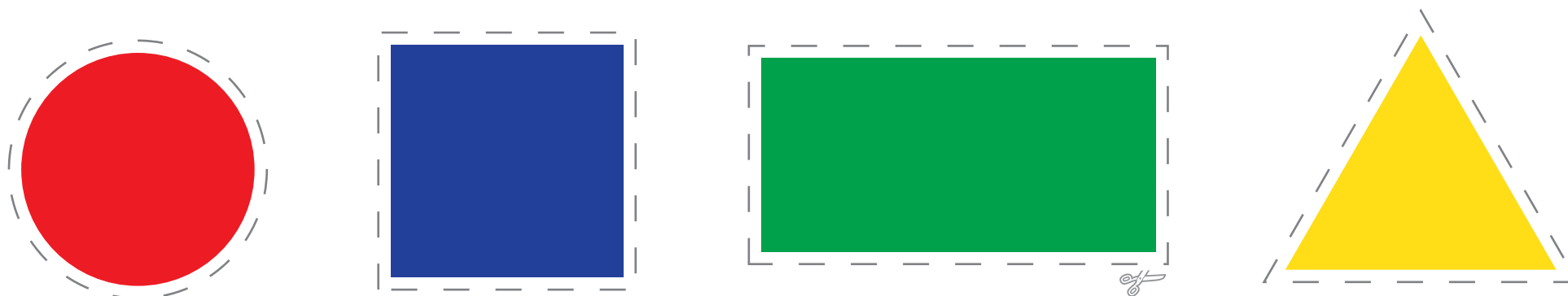


- 1 Encourage your child to play with building blocks, LEGO and other simple construction kits. This will give them experience of both 2D and 3D shapes.
- 2 Cut out some simple 2D shapes and let them play with them making patterns and shapes. You'll find some shapes on the page overleaf.
- 3 Place a circle, square and triangle in front of them. Tell them their names and then take them away. Put down two shapes and ask them which one is missing.
- 4 Take one shape and cover it. Reveal a part to your child and ask them to guess what it is. If they cannot do this start to reveal more and more until they can finally say what it is.
- 5 Talk about the similarities and the differences between simple shapes.

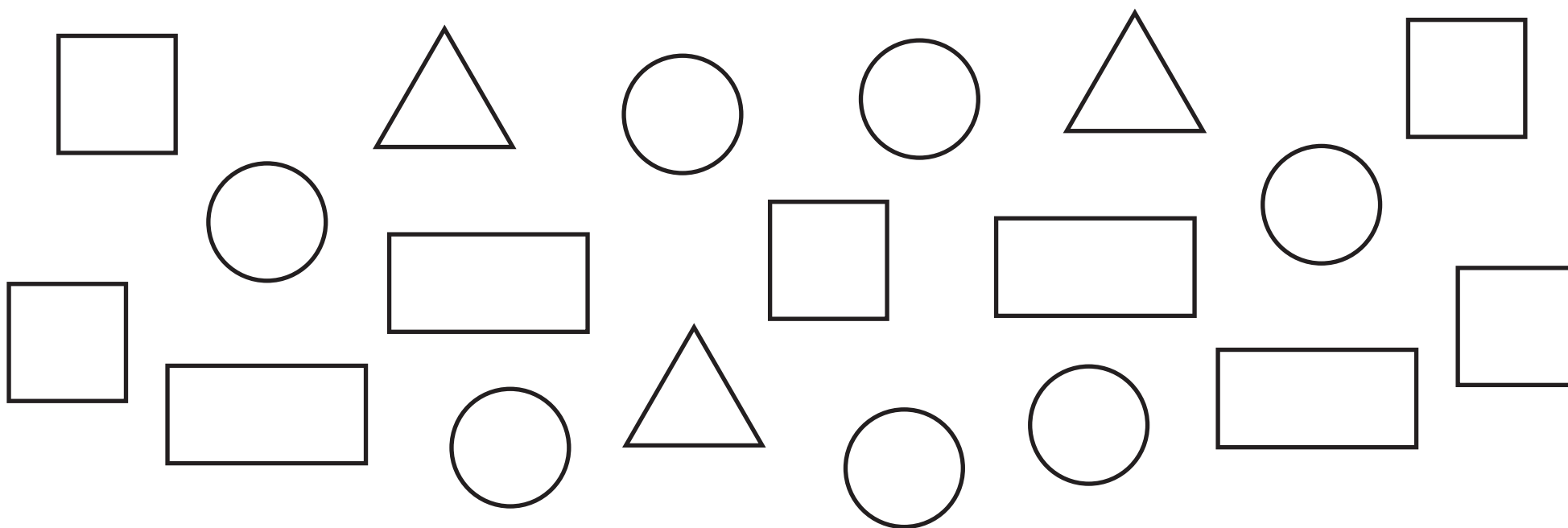


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Colour the circles red, the squares blue, the rectangles green and the triangles yellow.



Colour in the picture.  
Put a tick by all the circles you can find.

