

Sort it out!

Teach your toddler about shapes and how things match with a home-made shape sorter.

You'll need

An empty cardboard box with a lid – it doesn't matter what size, though a shoe box is a useful size and the cardboard is not too stiff to cut into.

- ① Find your box, and decorate it with coloured paper or stickers, or use crayons to draw a pattern on it (*your toddler can help you do this*).
- ② Get together a few small toys or safe household objects. You might include a toy brick, a ball, a stiff envelope and a small doll or teddy.
- ③ Using the objects as a guide, cut out holes in the box lid that are big enough, and the right shape, to match the objects.
- ④ Your toddler has to 'post' the objects into the box, using the right holes. It doesn't matter if a smaller object goes into a bigger hole as well as its own hole, though the game will be more of a challenge if this isn't the case with every object or every hole.
- ⑤ Talk about the game as your toddler plays it. Tell him the ball is round, and it goes into the round hole; the envelope is very thin so it goes into the thin hole....and so on.



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