

suggested materials

spots & stripes



Toy animals are a great way to sort spots and stripes!



Paper goods come in all sorts of patterns and fun colors. You can sort scrap paper, paper plates, and more by spots and stripes. You can also use these to identify OTHER patterns.



Buttons are a great source of pattern recognition! Find buttons with spots and stripes and sort them on your activity mat.

rice tracing



Rice is a great (and inexpensive) material to practice tracing letters and shapes! You could use sand as well.



A wooden dowel or even a paintbrush can be used to mark shapes and letters in the rice. (You can also just use your finger for some fun sensory input)



Place the rice in a shallow dish/pan so your child can easily reach the bottom of the tray to see the shape they created.