

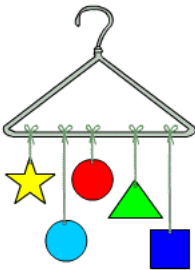
# SHAPES

## ART

### SHAPE SNAKES

Cut 20-25 2-inch shapes from construction paper. Poke a small hole through the center of each shape. String the shapes onto a pipe cleaner to make a snake. Glue a shape flat on each end of the pipe cleaner to make the head and tail. Glue two wiggle eyes to the head.

### SHAPE MOBILE



1. Cut shapes from cardstock.
2. Color
3. Poke hole in top of each shape
4. Tie yarn to shapes
5. Tie shapes to clothes hanger

### SPONGE SHAPES

Cut sponges into different shapes. Dip Sponges into paint and make sponge prints. You can also have them use the sponges to complete simple tasks such as washing the table with a circle sponge.

### SHAPE ON SHAPE

Cut one large circle (or square or triangle) from butcher paper for each child. Cut a number of smaller shapes for each child. Let children glue small circles on large circles (or triangles, etc.) in design of their choosing. Add color with markers or crayons.

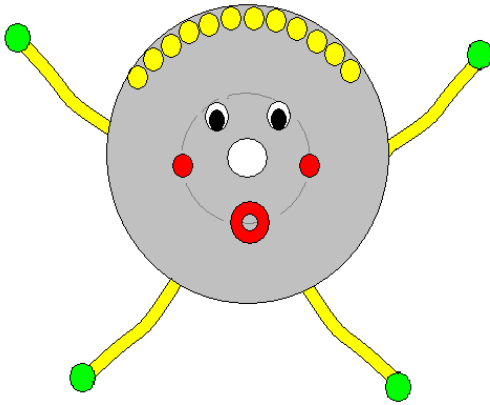
### SHAPE SURPRISES

Cut several shapes from poster board. Place shapes under children's art paper. Using side of crayon, rub the color over the paper revealing the shapes underneath.

### SHAPE RUBBINGS

Cut small familiar shapes out of thin cardstock. Using double sided tape, tape several shapes to table. Have children place paper over shapes and rub with sides of crayons to make rubbings of shapes.

## CIRCLE FRIEND

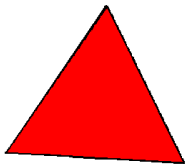


Material: 2 old CD's  
4 twist ties  
Glue  
Wiggle eyes  
1 hole reinforcement  
Sticky dots

1. Cover the print side of one CD with glue.
2. Put the end of a twist tie in the glue on each side of CD to make arms. Put end of two more at the bottom to make legs.
3. Place 2<sup>nd</sup> CD on top of 1<sup>st</sup> CD.
4. Glue wiggle eyes to front, just above hole.
5. Stick hole reinforcement below hole for mouth.
6. Add sticker dots to make cheeks and hair.
7. Stick two sticker dots together over end of each twist tie.
8. Stick finger through hole in CD to make funny nose.

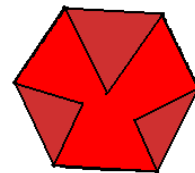
## TRIANGLE BIRDS

Material: Construction paper  
Pipe cleaners  
Glue  
Tape  
Feather  
Marker

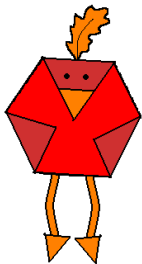


1. Cut triangle from paper

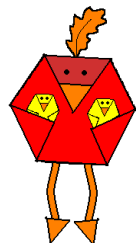
2. Fold points in for wings and head



3. Add eyes and beak with a marker. Glue on feather, pipe cleaner legs and paper feet.



4. Make smaller triangle birds for babies. Tuck under Mama's arms and glue down.



## POTATO PRINTS

Materials: paring knife, potatoes, paintbrushes, paint, paper  
Beforehand: cut potatoes in half. Cut in about 1/2" deep and cut out a shape by removing excess potato. Make circle, square, triangle, and rectangle.



Have children dip their brushes in paint and paint over the exposed shape on the potato. After applying paint, children can use the potato as a print block and press the shape area onto white paper to make a print.

## SHAPE SCULPTURES

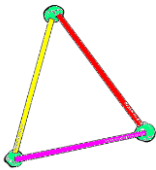
Material: boxes and rolls of various shapes and sizes, wallpaper scraps, scissors, paint, brushes, glue, cardboard scraps

Have kids pick out shapes they would like to use in their sculptures.

Kids can decorate boxes with wallpaper or paint.

Glue boxes and rolls together to make sculptures.

## BUILD A TRIANGLE



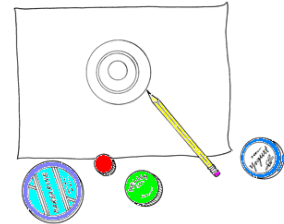
Material: Straws cut in different lengths

Playdough

Encourage children to make triangles with the straws and use the playdough to hold the corners together. Ask the children to describe their work in terms of numbers of sides and corners.

## CONCENTRIC CIRCLES

Materials: Sheets of paper, Pencils, Assortment of jar lids  
Show the children how to trace around the jar lids to make circles on the paper. Invite the children to trace around the lids, creating an arrangement of circles from smallest to largest.



## SONGS

**WHAT SHAPE IS THIS?** (to tune of "The Muffin Man")

Do you know what shape this is?

What shape this is, what shape this is?

Do you know what shape this is?

I'm holding in my hand?

(Sing song several times holding up a different shape each time. Have children name the shape)

**THE SHAPES ARE ON THE FLOOR** (to tune of “The Farmer in the Dell”)

The shapes are on the floor  
The shapes are on the floor.  
Pick one up and say its name  
And then we'll pick some mor

Place a variety of paper shapes on the floor. As you sing have children pick up a shape. At each end of song, have each child name his or her shape

**WHAT HAS 4 EQUAL SIDES?** (to tune of “For He’s a Jolly Good Fellow”)

A square has four equal sides,  
A square has four equal sides,  
It has four corners too.  
It has four corners too.

It has four corners too.  
It has four corners too.  
A square has four equal sides,  
It has four corners too.

**LET’S MAKE A TRIANGLE** (to tune of “Skip to my Lou”)

Let’s make a triangle: 1,2,3  
Let’s make a triangle: 1,2,3  
Let’s make a triangle: 1,2,3  
One, two, three, my darling!

Let’s count the corners: 1,2,3  
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One, two, three, my darling!

**FIND THE SHAPES** (to tune of “London Bridge”)  
(point out shapes in the room as you sing)

I can see a circle shape,  
Circle shape, circle shape.  
I can see a circle shape,  
Can you see it?

(repeat with triangle, square, etc.)

## **CAN YOU DRAW A RECTANGLE?** (to tune of “Mary Wore her Red Dress”)

Can you draw a rectangle,  
Rectangle, rectangle?  
Can you draw a rectangle?  
Yes, I can!

I will draw two long sides,  
Long sides, long sides.  
I will draw two long sides.  
Yes, I can.

I will draw two short sides,  
Short sides, short sides.  
I will draw two short sides.  
Yes, I can!  
I can draw a rectangle,  
Rectangle, rectangle!  
I can draw a rectangle.  
Yes, I can!

## **SHAPES** (to the tune of: “Frere Jacques”)

This is a square, this is a square,  
How can you tell? How can you tell?  
It has four sides,  
All the same size.  
It's a Square, It's a Square.  
This is a circle, this is a circle.  
How can you tell? How can you tell?  
It goes round and round,  
No end can be found.  
It's a circle, It's a circle.  
This is a triangle, this is a triangle.  
How can you tell? How can you tell?  
It only has three sides,  
That join to make three points.  
It's a Triangle, It's a triangle.  
This is a Rectangle, This is a rectangle.  
How can you tell? How can you tell?  
It has two short sides  
And it has two long sides.  
It's a rectangle, It's a rectangle.

### **I'M A LITTLE CIRCLE** (to tune of "I'm a Little Teapot")

I'm a little circle, round and flat,  
HaVing no corners just like that.  
When you draw a line that curves around  
And meets itself, a circle is found.

### **THERE'S A SPIDER ON THE SHAPE** (to tune of "If You're Happy and You Know It")

Give each child a paper circle, square, and triangle. Also give him a large black pom-pom or a plastic spider ring. Sing song and have kids bounce or crawl his spider on each shape as you sing about it.

There's a spider on the [square], on the [square].  
There's a spider on the [square], on the [square].  
Look at that spider go! It is moving to and fro.  
There's a spider on the [square], on the [square].

(repeat with other shapes)

### **SHAPE SONG** (to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star")

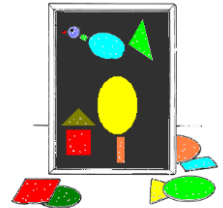
\*Before beginning give each child whatever shape you will be singing about

Put your circle shape in the air,  
Hold it high and keep it there.  
Put your circle shape on your back,  
Now please lay it on your lap.  
Put your circle shape on your toes,  
Now please hold it by your nose.  
Hold your circle shape in your hand,  
Now will everyone please stand.  
Wave your your circle shape at the door,  
Now please lay it on the floor  
Hold your circle shape and jump, jump, jump,  
Now throw your circle shape way, way up.

## **OTHER FUN STUFF**

1. Put shape blocks (or attribute blocks) in a bag. Child puts hand in the bag and picks a shape. The child attempts to identify the shape without looking at it.
2. Put shape blocks in bag. Instruct child to find a specific shape without looking. Again have them tell why they think the shape they have is the correct one.
3. Give each child a shape. Give instructions related to the shape -- circles stand up, triangles hop, rectangles crawl under the table, etc.!

4. Hide a shape in your hand, give clues (one at a time) and have the children guess is. (ex. the shape has straight sides, there are 4 sides, 2 or short and 2 or long).
5. Human Rectangles - Cut the bottom out of a large rectangular box. Cut a half circle out of the other end to make a place for a head. Cut two holes for the arms. Encourage children to dress in the rectangle costumes and do a dance.
6. Put toothpicks on the table and instruct them to make various shapes (ask them to make a circle and see how many actually try!)
7. Draw shapes on large index cards, one shape per card. Hand out several chenille stems to each of your children. Show a card to the children and ask them to name the shape and then construct it with chenille stems.
8. Challenge your children to make various shapes (circles, hearts, diamonds, squares, rectangles, and triangles) using just their hands and fingers. Now challenge them to use any body parts to do the same.
9. Trace wooden blocks onto construction paper. Laminate and cut out the shapes. Put the shapes in a handy spot in the block area. At cleanup time, give each child a laminated shape. Ask him to find the blocks that match it and return them to their proper place.
10. Cut felt pieces in circles, ovals, squares, rectangles and triangles Demonstrate making pictures by combining the various shapes and then leave children to their own creations.
11. Collect a variety of items with distinctive shapes, such as a small ball, a toothbrush, a plastic cup, and a toy car. Completely wrap each item in foil, molding the foil around the shape. Show the shapes to the kids and have them try to guess what is hidden inside. Let them unwrap the items.



## SNACKS

### SHAPE SANDWICHES

Give children crackers in assorted shapes and peanut butter or cream cheese. Let them choose a shape, spread peanut butter on it and cover it with another cracker of the same shape.

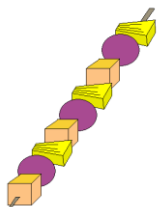
### SHAPE KABOB

3 Pineapple tidbits (triangular prisms)

3 red seedless grapes (spheres)

3 cheese cubes (cubes)

Form shapes onto a kabob skewer to make shape kabobs.



## FINGERPLAYS

### FRIENDLY SHAPES (felt board)

Little Cindy Circle rolls along the ground  
She has no corners - she just spins around! (circle)  
Sammy Square is his name;  
He has four sides, all the same....1,2,3,4! (square)  
Danny Diamond is shaped like a kite;  
He has four points - I know that's right....1,2,3,4! (diamond)  
Tracy Triangle with corners three;  
Count the corners now with me...1,2,3! (triangle)

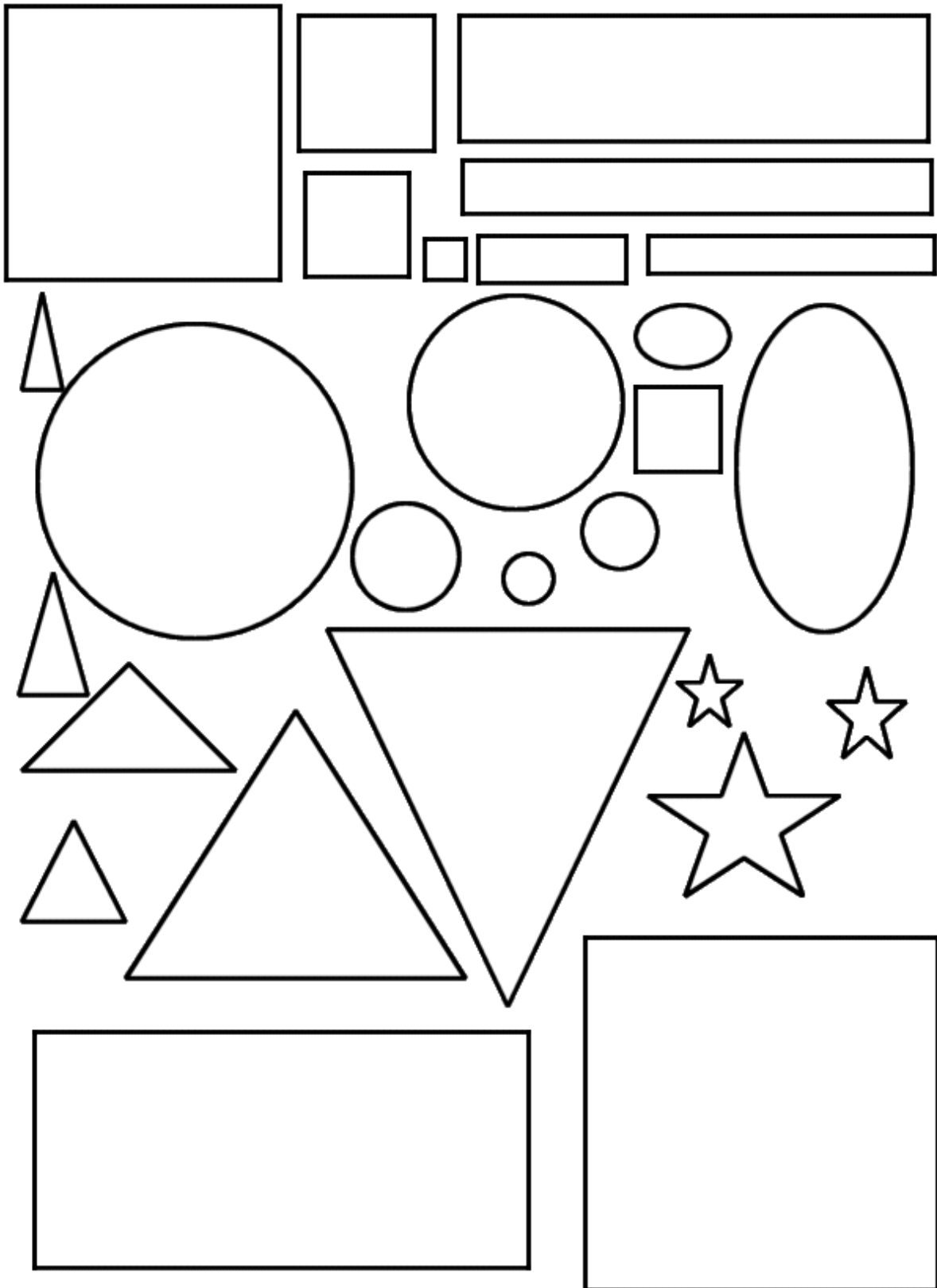
### THE CIRCLES

A circle, a circle, (draw in the air)  
Draw it round and fat. (use index finger to draw circle in the air)  
A circle, a circle, (repeat action)  
Draw it for a hat. (draw a circle in the air overhead)  
A circle, a circle, (repeat action)  
Draw it just for me. (draw in the air)  
A circle, a circle, (repeat action)  
Now jump and count to three: One! Two! Three!



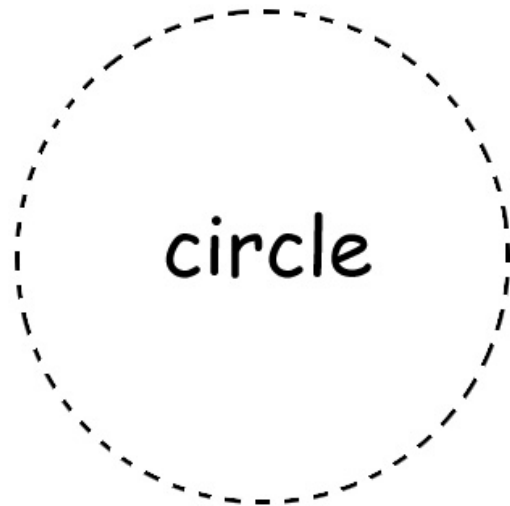
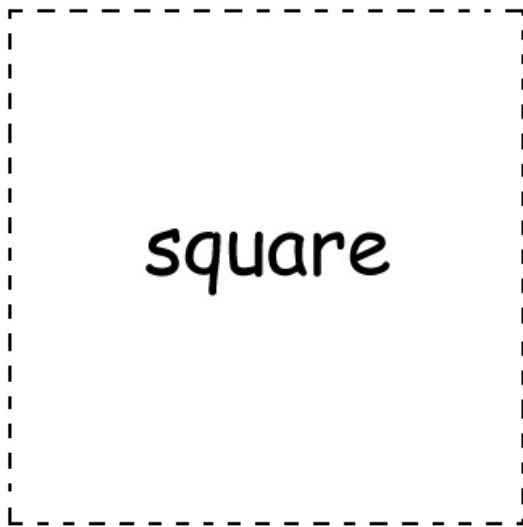
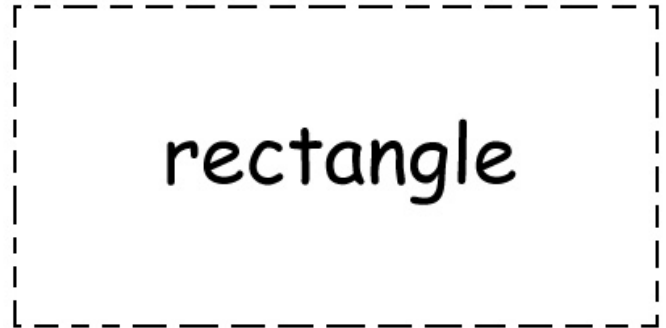
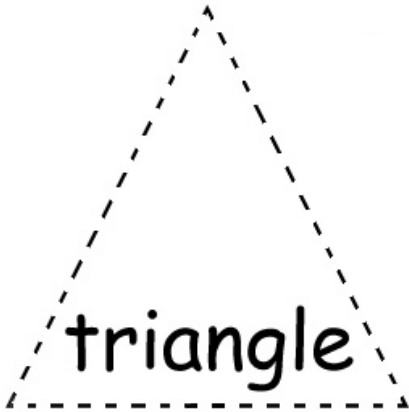
# SHAPE TEMPLATES

Color and cut out the shapes. Use the shapes to make pictures or collages.



**COLOR AND CUT**

Color the shapes and cut them out.



## SHAPE BOOKS

J 152.1 HOB	Hoban	Dots, Spots, Speckles And Stripes
J 302.23 HOB	Hoban	I Read Signs
J 372.1 PRI	Prior	Shapes (Thematic Unit)
J 372.2 ONE	Bittinger	1-2-3 Shapes : Beginning Shape Activities For Young Children
J 516 – 516.2		This section has informational book on
J 701.8 MIC	Mickelthwait	I Spy Shapes In Art
J 745.5 ROS	Ross	Kathy Ross Crafts ; Triangles, Rectangles, Circles, And Squares!
J 793.7 HOB	Hoban	Shapes And Things
J 863 CHA (Spanish)	Chavarria	Magda's Tortillas
J 811 YOL	Yolen	Shape Me A Rhyme
E ANDERSON	Anderson	Finding Shapes With Sebastian Pig And Friends At The Museum
E AXELROD	Axelrod	Pigs On The Ball
E BARANSKI	Baranski	Round Is A Pancake
E BARNETT	Barnett	Triangle
E BARTHOLIN	Bartholin	Frida And Bear Play The Shape Game
E BINGHAM	Bingham	Circle Square Moose
E BLACKSTONE	Blackstone	Ship Shapes
E BRYANT	Bryant	Shape Spotters
E BURNS	Burns	Greedy Triangle
E CARLE	Carle	Draw Me A Star
E CHERNESKY	Chernesky	Pick A Circle, Gather Squares
E COLLEEN	Colleen	Love, Triangle
E COMSTOCK	Comstock	Charlie Piechart And The Case Of The Missing Hat
E CZAJAK	Czajak	Seaver The Weaver
E EBERTS	Eberts	Pancakes, Crackers, And Pizzas
E EHLERT	Ehlert	Oodles Of Animals
E FISHER	Fisher	Everything I Need To Know Before I'm Five
E FLEMING	Fleming	Go, Shapes, Go
E FRIEDMAN	Friedman	Cloak For The Dreamer
E GERSTEIN	Gerstein	Gigantic Baby
E GRETZ	Gretz	Riley And Rose In The Picture
E HALL	Hall	My Heart Is Like A Zoo
E HALL	Hall	Perfect Square
E HEAD	Head	Ed Mouse Finds Out About Size And Shape
E HENKES	Henkes	Circle Dogs
E HOBAN	Hoban	Cubes, Cones, Cylinders And Spheres
E INTRIAGO	Intriago	Dot
E JOYCE	Joyce	Rolie Polie Olie

E MACCARONE	Maccarone	Silly Story Of Goldie Locks And The Three Squares
E MACCARONE	Maccarone	Three Pigs, One Wolf And Seven Magic Shapes
E MACDONALD	MacDonald	Shape By Shape
E MAMADA	Mamada	Which Is Round? Which I Bigger?
E MANCEAU	Manceau	Windblown
E MCGRATH	McGrath	Teddy Bear Counting
E MONCURE	Moncure	Ape Finds Shapes
E MONCURE	Moncure	Word Bird's Shapes
E MURPHY	Murphy	3 Little Firefighters
E MURPHY	Murphy	Captain Invincible And The Space Shapes
E MURRY	Murry	City Shapes
E NEUSCHWANDER	Neuschwander	Sir Cumference And The Dragon Of Pi
E NEUSCHWANDER	Neuschwander	Sir Cumference And The First Round Table
E NEUSCHWANDER	Neuschwander	Sir Cumference And The Island Of Immeter
E POLLACK	Pollack	Chickens On The Move
E POTTS	Potts	House That Makes Shapes
E RAU	Rau	Circle City
E ROSENTHAL	Rosenthal	Friendshape
E SCHOONMAKER	Schoonmaker	Square Cat
E SPERRING	Sperring	Shape Of My Heart
E TELCHIN	Telchin	See A Heart, Share A Heart
E THONG	Thong	Round Is A Mooncake
E THONG	Thong	Round Is A Tortilla – A Book Of Shapes
E WALSH	Walsh	Mouse Shapes
E WILSON	Wilson	Circle In The Sky
E ZELINSKY	Zelinsky	Maid And The Mouse And The Odd-Shaped House
E ZIEFERT	Ziefert	Squarehead

#### DVD'S

J 371.9 SPE	Special Kids. Shapes And Colors
J 516 MEE	Meet The Shapes
J 649.68 FUN	Fundamentals
J 700 ART	Artsee Smartsee
J 791.43 BAB	Baby Einstein. Baby Newton. Discovering Shapes
J 791.43 BAB	Baby Genius Mozart And Friends
J 791.43 BEA V. 19	Bear In The Big Blue House – Shapes, Sounds, And Colors With Bear
J 791.43 BLU	Blue's Clues. Shapes And Colors

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J 791.43 BRA	Brainy Baby Shapes And Colors
J 791.43 COL	Colors And Shapes Circus
J 791.43 LET	Let's Learn Patterns And Shapes
J 791.43 SES	Sesame Street Elmo's Shape Adventure
J 791.43 SES	Sesame Street. Guess That Shape And Color
J 791.43 WIN	Winnie The Pooh. Shapes And Sizes
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