

Color Hunt

Primary Objectives

- 4. Demonstrates traveling skills
- 13. Uses classification skills

Why It's Important

Before your child can follow one-step directions independently, he may need assistance putting the words into action. Using verbal and visual instructions together when giving directions will help your child follow them. In this activity, your child will practice classification skills by matching objects by a single attribute: color.

Materials

Small cards, each showing a color and the color's name

What You Do

1. Select an area either indoors or outdoors in which there is at least one object in view that matches each color card.
2. Invite your child to go on a color hunt with you.
3. Explain that he may choose a color card and then find something in the room or on the playground that matches the color on the card.
4. Begin with one color at a time. Invite your child to choose a card and then find an object to match it. *You picked a red card. Can you find something in the room that is also red?*
5. Offer directional instructions if he has a difficult time locating an object. *Walk forward to the door and look by the rocking chair. Do you see anything red on the floor?*
6. Make sure your directions are brief. Wait for your child to complete one direction before offering another.
7. When your child has finished matching the cards with objects, explain that the cards will be available for him to use later. Encourage him to match with the cards with new objects the next time he plays with them.