

# Stack Them Up

## Primary Objectives

11b. Persists

22a. Measures objects

## Why It's Important

When your child can arrange items in a series, he is showing that he understands a relationship between the objects. A beginning step in arranging items in a series is putting “like” objects in a pile.

## Materials

Toys that can be stacked, e.g., unit blocks, interlocking plastic bricks

## What You Do

1. Place the items on the table or floor. Invite your child to play with you.
2. Show him the toys and ask him if he would like to try to stack them.
3. While making sure the stack does not get too high, ask your child after he has placed each block if he can add another. Encourage your child to talk about each stack he makes as he works.
4. Encourage him to make several small stacks of objects: *Let's see if we can make five small towers.*
5. Acknowledge his efforts: *You made one tall stack of cubes and three small stacks.*
6. Continue the activity for as long as your child is interested.