

Knob Puzzles

Primary Objectives

- 7a. Uses fingers and hands
- 21b. Quantifies

Why It's Important

When your child begins to reach for and grasp objects, she gains independence and the ability to control her choices. Providing many opportunities for your child to practice reaching for objects supports the development of eye–hand coordination.

Materials

Puzzle with a round knob on each piece

What You Do

1. Place the puzzle on the table or floor within your child's reach. Invite her to play with the puzzle.
2. Show your child how to grasp the knob on each puzzle piece to remove it. Encourage her to remove all of the pieces before putting any back.
3. Once all the pieces have been removed, invite your child to put them back one piece at a time. Describe the shapes you see as you guide her to find the appropriate puzzle piece. *There are two holes left, and we have two pieces left. This piece is a circle. Where would you like to try to fit the circle?*
4. Offer as much physical assistance as necessary. For example, your child may be able to pick up a puzzle piece, but she may need your help to guide it into its proper place and release it.
5. Make the puzzle available to your child and encourage her to play with it again later.