Activity Share: Shapes sorting sun catcher

Age group: 2-3 year olds

Shape Sorting Activity for Toddlers

This is such a delightful invitation for young toddlers to create beautiful sun catchers and learn about basic shapes at the same time!

What do kids learn in this activity?

1) Shapes, 2) sorting and 3) fine motor skills as the little hands stick the little shape pieces on the sun catchers.

Materials Needed:
- Scrapbook 12” by 12” papers
- Contact paper
- Basic stationery like sticky tape, a pair of scissors and marker
- Small shape cut outs. You can use a variety of materials: felt, foam and cellophane paper. You can simply cut them out.
Directions:

How to make these shape sorting sun catcher?

- Cut out big frames in four basic shapes (circle, rectangle, square and triangle) and 1” thickness from the scrapbook papers.

- Place each frame on the contact paper and trace the hole in each frame. Cut the contact paper shapes out, leaving at least a 0.5” allowance all around. The contact paper should be slightly bigger than the hole but smaller than the entire frame.

- Now stick the contact paper shapes onto the frames. I find it easiest to put the frame on a clean table surface, peel off the paper and place the contact paper, sticky side down on the frame. Secure the contact paper to the frames with sticky tapes. Then carefully peel the frame with contact paper off the table.
- Place the sun catchers, sticky side out, on a large window. Secure the sun catchers with sticky tapes.
- Prepare a basket of small shape cutouts with different materials and set it beside the sun catchers.