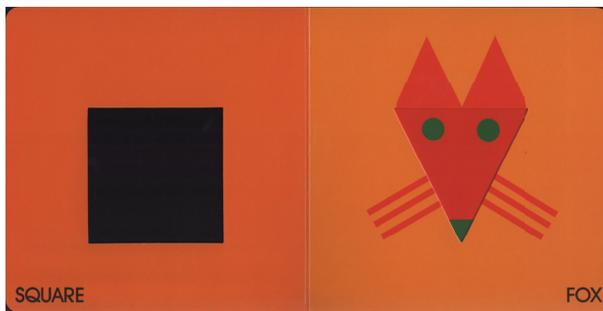


# Color Zoo by Lois Ehlert

AGE LEVEL 3–5 years

## About the Story

*Color Zoo* presents pages with cutout shapes that can stack together to create different animals. When your child turns a page, one shape is removed and a new animal is magically revealed. For example, the square and triangle stack together to make a mouse's face, but when the square is removed, the child sees a fox!



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## Words to Learn

### SHAPE NAMES AND PROPERTIES

circle, square, triangle, rectangle, oval, heart, diamond, octagon, hexagon, sides, corners, round

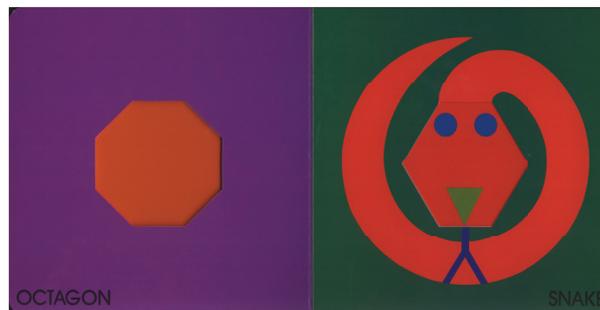
### ANIMALS

mouse, fox, ox, monkey, deer, lion, goat, snake

## About the Math

*Color Zoo* is a shape book. While exploring the various shapes in various readings, children can learn:

- The names of the various shapes, such as oval, octagon, and hexagon.
- The properties of each shape. For example, squares have four sides that are all the same length.
- How shapes can be combined to make images. For example, the heart and circles together make the face of a deer.
- How to compare different shapes. For example, an octagon has eight sides while a hexagon has six sides.



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## Math Talk During Reading

**NOTICE HOW THE SHAPES ARE PUT TOGETHER TO MAKE A DIFFERENT ANIMAL ON EACH PAGE**

What shapes make up the mouse's face?

**EXPLORE HOW THE SHAPES ARE SIMILAR AND DIFFERENT**

How is the rectangle different from the square? How are they the same?

**TALK ABOUT THE NAMES AND PROPERTIES OF SHAPES**

What is this shape called? How many sides does it have? How do you know?

**OBSERVE THE DIFFERENT SHAPES THAT MAKE UP OBJECTS ALL AROUND YOU**

Let's look around the room. What shapes do you see?

*Try to come up with some of your own questions and comments, too!*

## Activity After Reading

**MAKE YOUR OWN ANIMALS OUT OF SHAPES**

Let's cut out some triangles, squares, and circles. What animal can we make if we put them together?