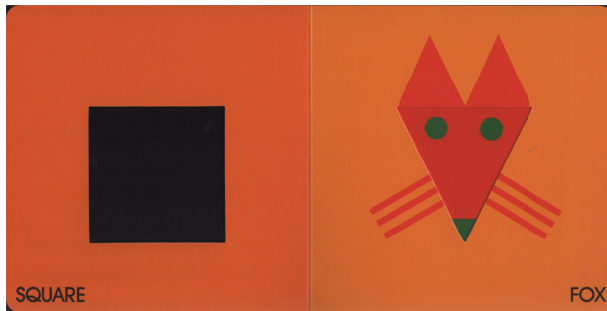


Color Zoo by Lois Ehlert

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

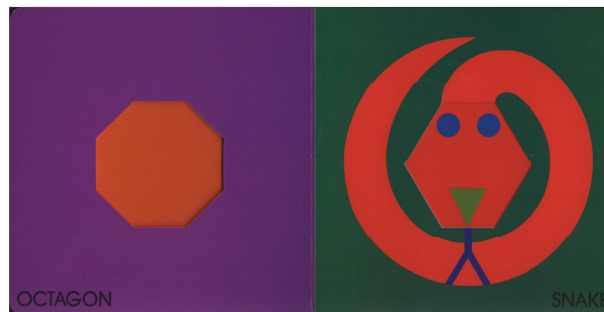
ANIMALS

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?