

# Title: Homemade Alphabet and Number Puzzle

Age Group: Preschool / Kindergarten

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Type of Activity: Cognitive: Letter and Number Recognition

## Materials:

- Medium size tray (plastic or cardboard or Bristol board)
- Scissors
- Index cards or construction paper or the back part of recycled birthday cards or Christmas cards.
- Alphabet stickers (from Dollarama or you can make your own from construction paper)
- Recycled small apple sauce container (to store the alphabet cards)
- Tape

## How to Do it:

- Place a small container in the left upper hand corner of the tray. You can either glue or tape the cup to the tray or board. Put alphabet and number stickers on the tray or Bristol board, placing them a few inches apart.
- Make 26 alpha cards by cutting small squares, placing the second set of alphabet stickers on them.
- Cut up 10 squares in a different colour, putting numbers 1 – 10 on them.
- Now you can match the cards to the alphabet and numbers on the tray or board.
- When your child is finished doing this matching puzzle, he or she may place the cards in the little cup that is taped or glued to the tray.

## Root Skill / Extension:

This activity helps develop fine motor as well as concentration skills. It teaches problem solving and improves hand-eye coordination.

Extend the learning by adding a magnet at the back of the small cards for your child to use on a magnetic board or fridge. Create another matching game by taking pictures of your child or objects and printing off doubles. Your child can match the picture card images on the board or tray.