

Title: Sea Creature Sorting

Age Group: Toddlers

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Type of Activity: Sorting sea animal shapes by color-coding

Materials:

- 4 empty containers (you may need more if you have more colors to sort.) See-through containers are better.
- Sea animal shapes in different colors. If you don't have these on hand, you can create them with coloured paper (see below for some shapes to trace and cut out courtesy of sawyoo.com).
- You could also use any solid-coloured toys on hand from your child's toy box eg. red blocks, yellow Legos, green small plastic bears, etc.).
- Construction paper (orange, green, yellow and red); marker and tape

How to Do it:

- Wrap a coloured strip around each cup and secure with tape. Write the colour on the cup - red, orange, yellow and green.
- Find at least 5 different items or toys of the same color for each color using.
- Your child can sort the colors by placing toys in the right container.

Root Skill / Extension:

Toddlers increase their hand-eye coordination here and practice distinguishing colours (sorting is a key math ability).

To extend the learning, ask open ended questions: "Show me the red car - which container does it go in?" "Can you find the orange block?"

You can add other colors once the child recognizes your starting ones. Have your child search for new colours to sort from their other toys.

