

SORT-AND-MATCH PASTA GAME

Instruction Card

Aim: Build age-appropriate developmental skills. In this case, they include mathematical and fine-motor skills such as sorting, one-to-one correspondence and in-hand manipulation.

Consists of:

- 1 instruction card and Three printable A4-size pages
- Three different shaped holding devices - A4 print-outs.
A picnic basket, a blue plate and a cutting board.

You will need:

- **Three different shapes of dry pasta.**
e.g. wagon wheel, bow-tie and macaroni.
- **Laminated prints of the THREE A4 holding devices.**
The picnic basket, a blue plate and a cutting board.
- **Delicious pasta sauce** for serving the cooked pasta.

To do the activity:

- Start the activity by explaining to your child that, since you will be working with food, a thorough handwashing session will be in order.
- Mix some of the 3 types of pasta pieces in one bowl and place it within easy reach of your child on a tabletop, along with the printed instruction cards.
- Your child has the task of sorting the pasta shapes onto the ovals to fill each of the baskets with only one type of pasta.
- Collect the pasta in a pot and cook as usual with your delicious pasta sauce.

Pointers:

- Use this opportunity to praise your child for their helpfulness, following your instructions closely and completing the task.
- To make the game more challenging for 5-year olds, put the pasta pieces in a bag instead of presenting them in a bowl. The children can then be challenged to use their tactile sense to find one of each shape every time they put their hand into the bag to retrieve pasta.

Note:

- Holding more than one piece in the palm of one hand is good exercise for the development of in-hand manipulation skills.

Setup example







