

# Shake It Up!

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The children will:

1. Learn to identify circles, squares, triangles, and rectangles.
2. Learn a new game.

## Materials

egg carton  
 permanent marker  
 with a fine tip  
 (adult only)  
 die (or small  
 counter or coin)  
 4" tagboard  
 shapes, 8 each:  
 circles, squares,  
 triangles, and  
 rectangles

## VOCABULARY

circle                      rectangle                      square                      triangle

## PREPARATION

- Cut 4" tagboard shapes, making eight of each: circles, squares, triangles, and rectangles.
- Mark the bottom of the inside cups of the egg carton with two circles, two squares, two triangles, two rectangles, two stars, and leave two without any marks.

## WHAT TO DO

1. Explain to the children that the object of this game is to get rid of all your shapes.
2. Shuffle the shapes and deal them out to the players.
3. Show the players the egg carton. Explain that when a player shakes the carton and opens it, he must keep it flat on the table to see where the die or counter landed.
4. Ask the first player to put the die or counter into the carton, close it, and shake it up. Remind him to put it on the table to open it and see where the die landed.
5. If it lands on a shape, the player puts one matching tagboard shape in the center of the table. If it lands on a star, he gets another turn. If it lands on an empty cup, he loses his turn.
6. For a faster game, ask all the players to put shapes into the game pile every time someone shakes the egg carton.

## ASSESSMENT

To assess the children's learning, consider the following:

- Can the child name the shapes?
- Can the child follow the game's directions?

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## Children's Books

*My Very First Book of Shapes* by Eric Carle  
*Shapes, Shapes, Shapes*  
 by Tana Hoban  
*When a Line Bends...A Shape Begins* by Rhonda Gowler Greene