Fun with Shapes!

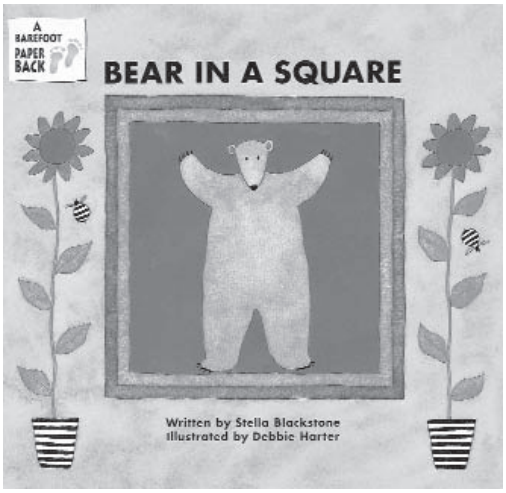
A Barefoot Activity

For kids ages 3 - 7

Follow along with Bear as he discovers squares, circles, diamonds, rectangles and other fun shapes. You'll come to see that shapes are everywhere — you just need to know how to look for them!

Benefits

Learn about shapes and how to identify them in the world.



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Let's Begin!

- After reading *Bear in a Square* aloud with the children, go back and review the different shapes in the book. As each shape is identified, draw it on a poster pad, whiteboard or chalkboard so that the kids can easily see it.
- Go back through the book again. This time have kids identify the shapes themselves. Ask one child to find a diamond, ask another to find a rectangle. Make sure you point out that shapes exist in unexpected places too, like the rectangles on the bear's scarf and the crescent moon used as a candle holder.

Materials

- ❑ Colored construction paper
- ❑ Black construction paper
- ❑ Glue
- ❑ Scissors
- ❑ Imagination!

- As a fun activity, challenge the children to find examples of each shape in the room. Remember that shapes can be found in patterns, posters and architectural details like windows and doors. How many of each shape can you find?
- For another activity, have the children create their own shape art! Trace each shape to make a template. You can easily trace each shape from those shown in the last two pages of the book, if you like! Use the templates to cut out shapes from colored construction paper. There should be at least one of each shape for every child.
- On their own sheets of black construction paper, have the kids glue on shapes to create a picture or a wild design! Let them be imaginative and play with the shapes to create something unique and beautiful.
- When the kids are done, find a perfect place to display all the artwork!