

Purple Geometric Shapes

Introduction	This activity encourages listening skills and fosters the development of shape recognition.
Goals	To learn the names of basic two-dimensional geometric shapes and to be able to recognize those shapes.
Before You Start	Make copies of the Purplinker geometric shape template you will be teaching. The teacher should have several Purplinkers and each child should have their own. You will also need markers or crayons and paper.
Let's Begin	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Begin with your Purplinker formed into a snake shape. Show this to the children and have them make a similar shape.2. Recite the following verse: "Sara snake cannot bake. Sara snake cannot rake. Sara snake cannot eat cake. Poor Sara snake! But wait! Shapes are something Sara snake can make."3. Reciting "Sara snake can make a square," have the children follow you as you form a square with the Purplinker and they do the same.4. Have the children find the square shape that matches from the templates you have printed out. They can then use the Purplinker to trace a square on the same page and they can color those two shapes.5. Repeat this for triangle, rectangle, diamond and other shapes from the geometric template downloaded from the Purplinker website.6. End the activity by reciting, "Look at all the shapes you and Sara snake can make!"
Furthermore	Reinforce the lesson and activity by having the children name the shapes they have formed and colored. The teacher can repeat this lesson plan often with other shapes and use other media to create continuing interest.
The Next Level	Using the same basic concept begin to challenge the children to make and identify their own shapes. Have them share and explain their shapes with the rest of the class. The uniqueness of the Purplinker draws the children into exploratory play and learning.