

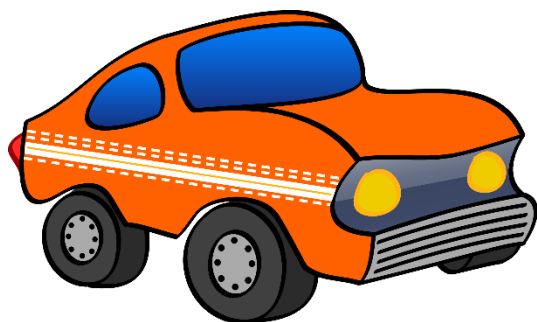
# Track Attack



These race car track sets will have your child naming shapes in no time!

## THINK ABOUT...

Shapes are everywhere! Play is a great way to invite math concepts into your daily routine in a fun and natural way. This activity will expose your child to shapes and their names in a hands-on setting that will also allow the imagination to explore and expand. As you play together, incorporating listening and spoken language strategies, your child will be learning without even knowing it.



## MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Tracks PDF
- Scissors
- Cardstock
- Small toy cars or Cars PDF

## PREPARATION

- 1- Print out the Tracks PDF and Cars PDF on cardstock and cut out each track shape
- 2- Gather cars and set out shapes in a large area with enough space to move and drive the cars around

## ACTIVITY

- 1- Print out the tracks and cars pdf attached below. Place the printouts on the floor or a location in which your child can easily reach them.
- 2- Using a toy car or the car printouts, trace the various shapes while using the name of the shape and describing its characteristics. For example: "That's the circle track! A circle means there are no edges and it's round and smooth. Let's drive our car in a circle!" Let your child race around the shape, see how many cars can fit on the track and try to race the car in the shape.
- 3- Allow your child to go from track to track being sure to help your child identify the name of each shape.
- 4- Once your child has mastered naming them, see if he/she can follow a direction. "Race your car on the square track." This will help your child build listening skills.

## VOCABULARY:

- Rectangle
- Square
- Diamond
- Circle
- Oval
- Heart
- Triangle

## HELPFUL TIPS

- Be sure to point out these shapes all around your house as you see them. Plates are circles, the cereal box is a rectangle and the carpet is a square. Helping your child recognize these shapes and patterns will help them be kindergarten ready.

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