

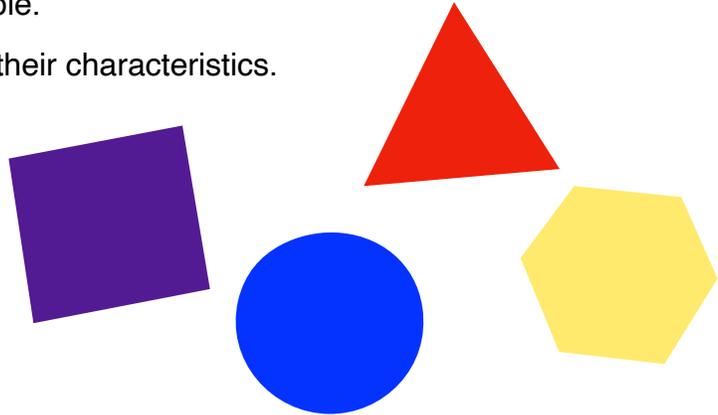
Yarn Shapes

This is an activity for one or more people.

Goal: Create shapes and learn about their characteristics.

You will need:

- Paper
- Glue stick
- Yarn or string
- Scissors



What to do:

- Identify up to 10 shapes you want to create.
- Use glue to draw an outline of a shape from your list and cut a length of yarn to place on top.
 - For younger children, first draw the outline of the shapes on paper. Ask them to trace with glue and place yarn on top of the outline.
- Once the yarn is glued down, cut out the shape around the yarn.
- On the back of each shape, write its name and its characteristics.
 - For example: square, four corners, four equal sides
- Repeat until all shapes are made.

Square
Four corners
Four equal sides

To think about:

- Look at the shapes. Is there a way to sort the shapes into categories? How can you sort them? How many different ways can you sort them?
- To continue to practice identifying and characterizing shapes, lay out all the shapes with the yarn facing up.
 - Name a shape or a shape's characteristic and ask the child to grab the corresponding shape. See if they can identify all of the shapes.
 - If more than one child is participating, make it a game. Each player should try to grab the indicted shape first. Whoever grabs it first places it in front of them. After all the shapes have been grabbed, count and see who identified the most.

