



Craft Activity

Theme: Triangle

Intro: A triangle is a basic shape in Geometry. There are many triangle shapes in our environment. Triangles are used a lot in construction as they are very strong and each side supports the other. Learn more about triangles at Playgroup today.

Craft activity: Triangle Mouse

Children will need: Brown box cardboard, white/pink paper, wool, pom poms, scissors, glue, sticky tape, texta.

Instructions: Cut out a triangle from box cardboard and two circles from white/pink paper. Glue circles to 2 corners of the triangle and a pom pom to the last corner. Tape on a piece of wool for a tail and draw on eyes.

Extension ideas:

Lay on the floor and make a triangle with 2 other people. Practice drawing some triangles. Can you cut them out?

Fact: A triangle has 3 sides made up of straight lines. There are 6 types of triangles. The angles and lines are different in all 6 triangles. (Equilateral, Isosceles, Scalene, Acute, Right Angled & Obtuse)



Learning Outcome 4: Children are confident and involved learners.

Coordinator extension ideas and group time guide

Additional activity: Triangle Sandwiches

You will need: bread, margarine/butter, various filling (vegemite, jam, cheese), butter knife, platter/plates. *Avoid any product with nuts and check with families for any other food allergies.

Instructions: Children can make their own sandwich for morning tea and cut into triangles or place onto a platter for a shared morning tea.

Outside ideas: Triangle Prints

Make some triangle stamps by cutting a kitchen sponge into triangles and gluing onto cardboard rolls. Provide paints on a tray and paper for children to make triangle prints.

Group time ideas:

Today we did some activities with triangles.

- How many sides does a triangle have?
- Can anyone see items around the room that are a triangle shape?
- Who made a triangle mouse today?
- What shape did we cut our sandwiches into?
- Look out for some triangles in the story today. Then we will also sing some songs about triangles.

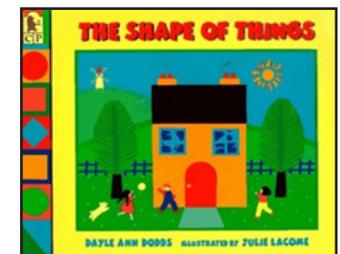
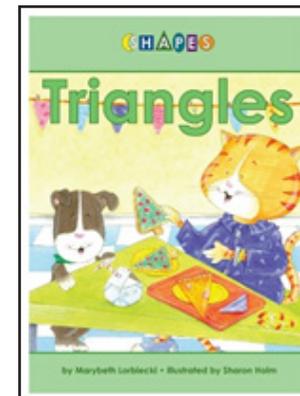


Book Suggestions:

Triangles by Marybeth Lorbiecki

The Shape of Things by Dayle Ann Dodds

or any other book about triangles and shapes.





Hickory Dickory Dock

(ref: <https://www.kididdles.com/lyrics/h046.html>)

Hickory Dickory dock,
The mouse ran up the clock,
The clock struck one
The mouse ran down,
Hickory Dickory dock.

Hickory Dickory dock,
The mouse ran up the clock,
The clock struck two
And down he flew,
Hickory Dickory dock.

Hickory Dickory dock,
The mouse ran up the clock,
The clock struck three
And he did flee,
Hickory Dickory dock.

Hickory Dickory dock,
The mouse ran up the clock,
The clock struck four,
He hit the floor,
Hickory Dickory dock.

Hickory Dickory dock,
The mouse ran up the clock,
The clock struck five,
The mouse took a dive,
Hickory Dickory dock.

Hickory Dickory dock,
The mouse ran up the clock,
The clock struck six,
That mouse, he split,
Hickory Dickory dock.

Hickory Dickory dock,
The mouse ran up the clock,
The clock struck seven,
8, 9, 10, 11,
Hickory Dickory dock.

Hickory Dickory dock,
The mouse ran up the clock,
As twelve bells rang,
The mousie sprang,
Hickory Dickory dock.

Hickory Dickory dock,
"Why scamper?" asked the clock,
"You scare me so
I have to go!
Hickory Dickory dock."

You may like to cut out a large cardboard triangle and draw on a face to use as a prop with these shape songs.

This Is a Triangle

(to the tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat")

This is a triangle,
Look and you will see.
It has three corners and three sides.
Count them one, two, three

Make a Triangle

(to the tune of "Three Blind Mice")

One, two, three; one, two, three
Do you see? Do you see?
Up the hill and to the top,
Down the hill--and then you stop,
Straight across; tell me what have you got?
A triangle--a triangle!

(ref: <http://www.canteach.ca/elementary/songspoems82.html>)