



Learning with Patterns

Red-Blue-Red-Blue

Beginner: Talk about patterns and point them out wherever you can.

[Tip]: Look for patterns in clothing, wallpaper, story books, and nature!

Intermediate: Recreate patterns in your environment using different objects or colours.

[Tip]: Ask questions such as “Tell me what pattern you see” and “What comes next in your pattern?”

Experienced: Create your own pattern and find something similar in your environment.

[Tip]: If your pattern is made using red, blue and purple, look for a pattern using those colors!

Why is this important? Creating patterns encourages counting and problem-solving skills. These skills are important at an early age as they aid early numeracy skills!

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