



## **Games and Activities to play with your child using Blocks.**

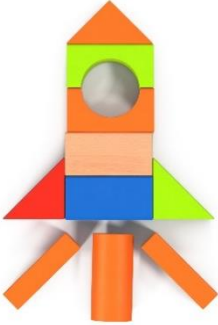
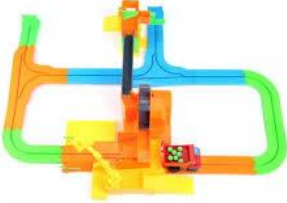




**This list of play activities and games will support sharing a fun experience with your child whilst at home. There are a range of skills that the activities will support:**

- Attention and listening skills
- Early mathematical and numeracy skills
- Relationship skills

- ✓ Pick activities and games matched to your child's development.
- ✓ Keep language simple and focus on early mathematical language related to pattern, shape, colour, size, and number.
- ✓ Do not worry if your child does not want to join in, try something else from the list.
- ✓ You can adapt the ideas to meet your child's likes and dislikes.
- ✓ Remember to fully engage in the play and have fun.





<b>Games to play with blocks / bricks</b>		
		
<p><b>Build rockets</b> You can work with your child to build different styles of rockets using a range of blocks.</p>	<p><b>Build a racetrack</b> You can work with your child to create a racetrack for cars to drive around the different areas of your home.</p>	<p><b>Fill the shape</b> You can draw different shapes for your child. You can then show them how to place the blocks in the outline to create a new shape.</p>
		
<p><b>Tape towers</b> Using coloured tape or paper strips you can give your child different heights that they are able to build their towers. This allows you to give them different challenges.</p>	<p><b>Block monsters</b> You can create block monster bags using boxes or containers with a face drawn on. Your child is then able to place the coloured blocks into the mouth of the coloured monster and you can make eating noises to pretend the block has been eaten.</p>	<p><b>Communication play</b> Ask what your child would like to make. This can encourage your child to have different ideas that you can support and help them with. Go with their imagination using the blocks, e.g. building bridges or castles.</p>



**Colours**



**Sorting**

Bricks can be sorted into different colours. This can be done using different coloured bowls / plates or paper. Your child can place the brick on the correct colour.

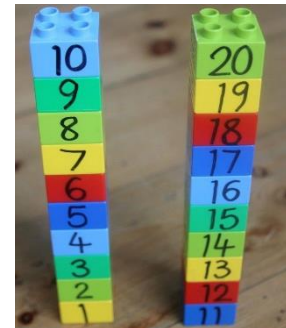
**Patterns**

Using an egg container or a piece of paper with coloured bricks drawn on it, you can create patterns for your child to recreate using bricks.

**Painting**

Bricks can be used to create paintings. By dipping either side of the brick you can create different textures with different coloured paints.

**Number**



**Building number towers**

Write on the blocks using a felt tip pen. Your child can then build towers placing the numbered bricks in order. You can help your child to count to different numbers.

**Matching**

You can take one brick, e.g. red brick and ask your child to find the same one or give your child different instructions to follow instructions e.g. 'Find the red brick' or 'Find the small blue block'.

**Fill the missing number**

Similar to number towers, using the bricks you can create towers 1-10. Do not write one of the numbers on the bricks and see if your child can tell you which number is missing.



**To find out more / Useful links**

- <https://ican.org.uk/i-cans-talking-point/parents/ages-and-stages/>
- <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/pregnancy-and-baby/play-ideas-and-reading/>