

Round Is a Tortilla:

A BOOK OF SHAPES

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Themes: Shapes, Latino Culture

Book Brief: A little girl discovers that shapes are all around her. They are part of the food she eats, games she plays, and objects in her room and around her town. Everywhere she looks, she sees shapes!

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TIME TO READ!

Before reading: Talk with the children about the shapes that they can see in the room. Tell them they are going to read about a little girl who discovers that there are shapes all around. Ask them to think about which shape in the story is their favorite and be prepared to share afterwards.

RELATED ACTIVITIES

SHAPE SNACK GRAPH (AGES 5-9)

Mix together small cheese crackers (squares), cheese puff balls (spheres), cereal O's (circles), and mini marshmallows (cylinders). Give each child a small cup of the mix. Have them sort and count how many they have of each shape. Graph the results. Discuss the difference between the two-dimensional and three-dimensional shapes.

ANGULAR ANIMALS (AGES 5-9)

Materials: cut-out shapes of different sizes (squares, rectangles, triangles), paper, glue, crayons

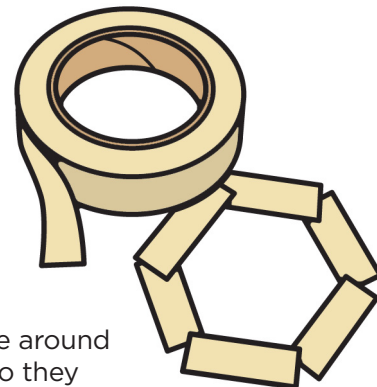
Have children design their own animals using the cut-out shapes. They should try several different designs before deciding on one to



glue down on paper. Once the animal shape has been glued on to paper, use crayons to fill in the details and the animal's features.

PLAY DOUGH PERIMETERS (AGES 5-9)

Use masking tape to make shape outlines on a table top. Let children use play dough to recreate or trace the shapes. Explain that *perimeter* is the distance around a shape. Which shape do they think has the greatest perimeter? Have them brainstorm how they could use the play dough shapes to measure and find out.



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

One Is a Drummer: A Book of Numbers (2013)
Red Is a Dragon: A Book of Colors (2008)
Round Is a Mooncake: A Book of Shapes (2000)



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