

Using Building Blocks to Support Learning

A resource for tutors/teachers to support the Home or School Based Summer Programme

This is a fun activity, you might like to use on a rainy day or incorporate into a daily routine

Learning Objectives:

Tasks using building blocks can support 'Learning to Learn' specifically developing effective task analysis and organisational skills.

Building block activities can support the development of many skills including hand-eye co-ordination, fine motor skills and spatial awareness as well as:

Communication and Oral Language skills: Discussing the activity language skills.

Sequencing skills: Construction block play offers a full spectrum of benefits to all learners. Some children may need some guidance on how to build their block construction. Sequence cards for the construction can appeal to the visual and kinaesthetic learner.

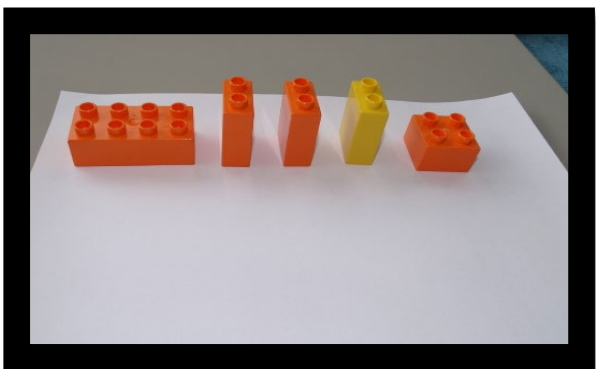
Supporting Routine: Some children enjoy routine, order and predictability. Therefore, this can be used in a task basket to build structure into the day.

Pre-reading skills: You can decide to print the pictures and present them from left to right or you might choose to make the sequencing cards into a book, either way, you are exposing the learner to pre-reading skills.

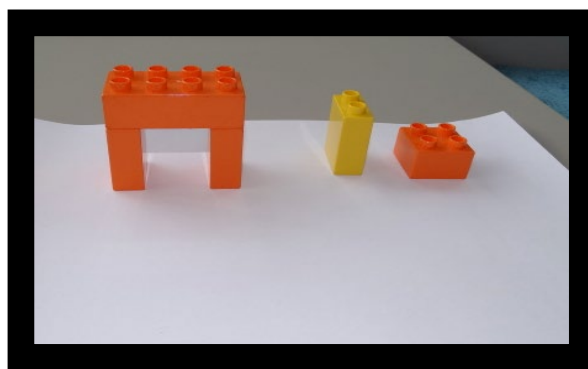
On the following page there are two examples that can be printed out, laminated and used immediately. Alternatively, you might decide to design your own construction based on the interest of the child, their ability and age.

5 Part Animal Block Construction

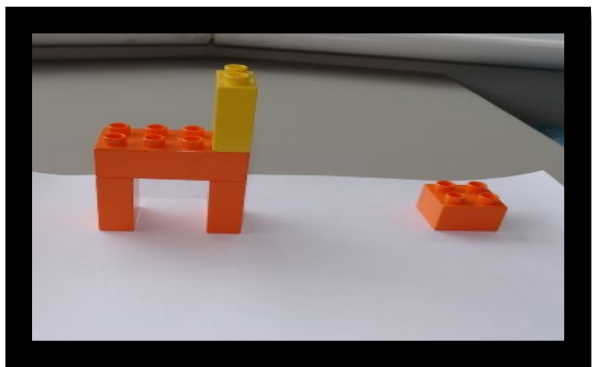
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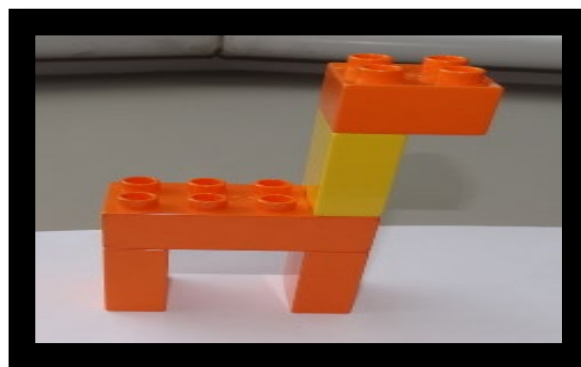
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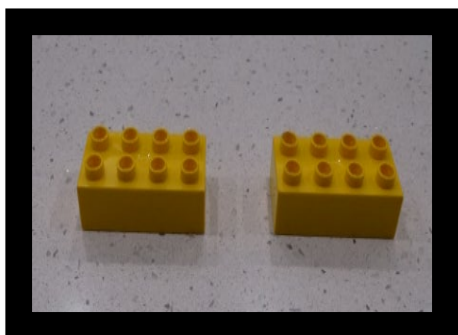


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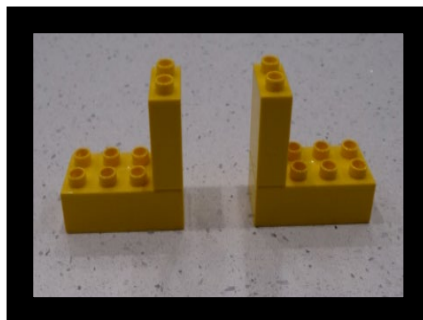


10 Step Cowboy Block Construction.

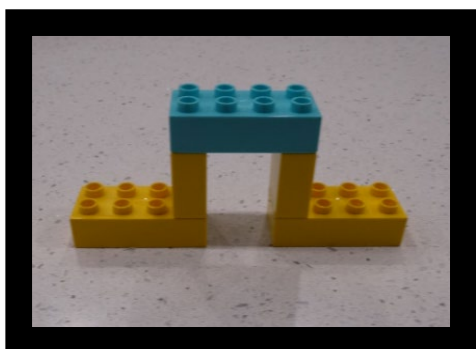
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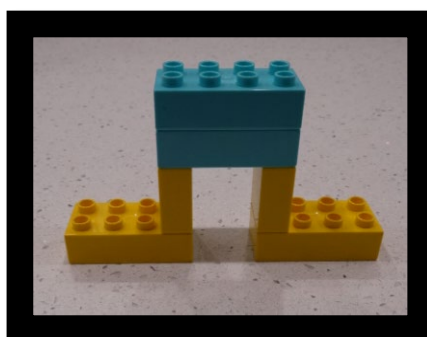
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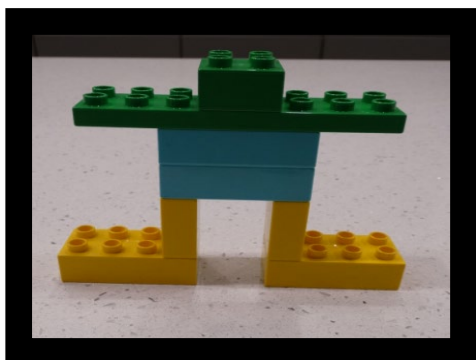
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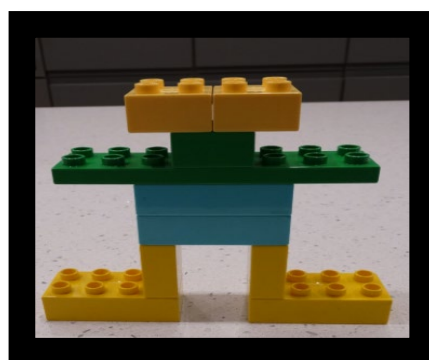
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