

Button Snake

This activity explores



Patterns



**Sorting &
Collecting**

Learning Goals

Sort buttons by color, shape, or size; create patterns.



What You'll Need

- Pipe cleaners
- Large buttons or large beads
- Googly eyes
- Glue stick

Steps



Denotes a step that may require adult support.

1. Sort and organize! Ask your child to sort and organize the buttons into groups, first by color, then by size, and then by shape.



2. Start your snake! Loop the pipe cleaner through a button for the head and secure by twisting the pipe cleaner. Glue on googly eyes.

3. Choose a pattern! Use the buttons to make a colorful pattern, like "red, green, red, green," or a pattern by size like "BIG, small, BIG, small." You can also make a shape pattern like "circle, square, circle, square."



4. Finish your snake! Thread the buttons onto the pipe cleaner in the order of your pattern.

Watch Video



Talk Together

- What kind of pattern did we make with our buttons?
- What is another way we could sort the buttons?

Book Suggestion

"The Button Box"
by Margarette S. Reid

Online Game

Dinosaur Train: All Star Sorting

pbskids.org/dinosaurtrain/games/allstarsorting.html