

Stacking Blocks

Materials: The game of Blockhead works best, but you can use other blocks or stacking toys. You need one set of blocks for each table of children. Make a spinner for each table.

Target words: beginning, end, start, finished, tallest, shortest, left hand, and right hand

Instructions: The spinner will have the direction of Left or Right. Instruct the children to take turns spinning the spinner and use the hand that is indicated to pick up the block and make a tower. A table is done when they have used all their blocks on there tower. If the tower falls they just start over. Towers can be compared for height.

These are the basic directions for a spinner:

Spinners are made from whipped cream container lids, a bead, and paper fastener. Choose lids that are clear so that a paper spinner can be placed underneath and still be seen. The paper can be replaced from one activity to the next and the spinner is still intact. Punch a hole in the center of the lid with a sharp tool such as a large nail. Make a spinner piece from a stiff piece of cardboard or plastic. Punch a similar hole in the center. Take a paper fastener and put both prongs through the spinner piece, through a pony bead, and then through the lid. The paper spinner pad should be placed underneath the plastic lid with a similar hole in the center. The prongs can then be inserted and flattened to hold everything in place. Loosen the prong enough that the spinner can move freely on top of the lid but still remain secure.

