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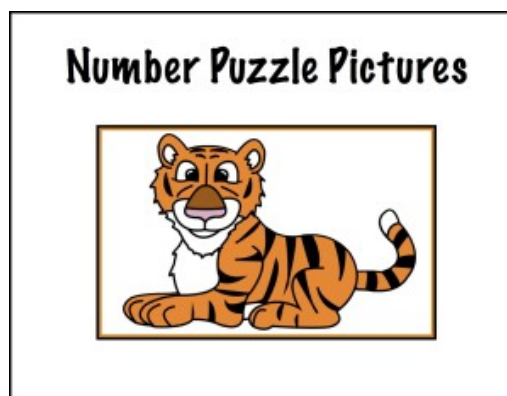
DIY Number Puzzles

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I've been seeing number puzzles all over Pinterest. These puzzles are ideal for independent centers for working with number order. They've been printing the puzzles on card stock and cutting and the pieces. That's a great idea, but I thought if we created the puzzles on craft sticks they'd be much more durable and will last for years to come. Sure, it's a little more work on the front-end, but it's so well worth the effort.

Making your own puzzles is super easy. All you'll need is Mod Podge, large craft sticks and pictures. I created my own pictures on the computer which you could download for free. You could also copy your own photographs on a printer or use pictures from magazines.



Click the following link to download 6 pictures to create your own puzzles
[.Number Puzzle Pictures](#)

The first step in the process is to line up your craft sticks and tape them together. The pictures in the printable above are designed for 10 craft sticks.



Now flip the sticks over and coat the top of the sticks with a thin layer of Mod Podge.



Adhere your picture to the sticks. Watch for bubbles. You'll have to rub them out. Then cover the top of the picture with a thin layer of Mod Podge.



Now simply write the numbers on each stick. I numbered my sticks 1-10, but you could easily number the sticks 11-20.



After the Mod Podge has completely dried, remove the tape from the back and cut along the edges of the craft stick with an X Acto knife.



Well, that's it! Really! Have fun creating your number puzzles. Your kiddos will love them.

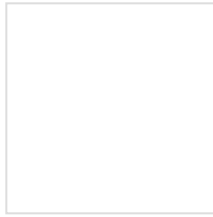
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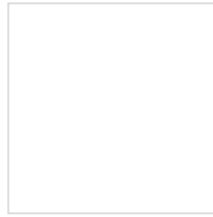
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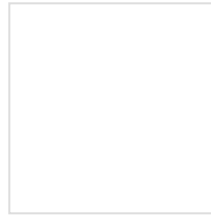
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Jessica says

January 4, 2014 at 6:45 pm

Thanks for posting this Julie! I have tried making the popsicle stick puzzles before but they've never turned out well. I think Mod Podge will make all the difference!

~Jessica

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Andrea says

January 9, 2014 at 12:58 am

What a great idea!!! Thank you so much for posting it. I am printing them as we speak and they should be ready for tomorrow. I know my kiddies are going to love it!!!

Thanks again.

Andrea

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Pam Petralia says
September 17, 2014 at 11:40 pm

LOVE, LOVE, LOVE this idea!! Some of the students in my special ed class have problems with these types of puzzles because the paper strips move around. Having the craft sticks underneath will be so much easier for them. Thanks!!

Pam

MrsPSpecialties

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Anni G says
July 1, 2015 at 2:11 am

How big should I make the pictures?

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Julie Van Alst says
July 1, 2015 at 3:54 pm

Hi Anni- What I do is write the name on the sticks and line them up. The size of the picture will vary according the number of letters in the name. Then I just give it a good guess. Nothing too scientific or exact about it 😊

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