

What Will Stack?

Primary Objectives

11e. Shows flexibility and inventiveness in thinking

Why It's Important

When your child plays with blocks, she becomes aware of differences in size, shape, and weight. She also learns about balance and cause and effect while having fun building something by herself.

Materials

Blocks

What You Do

1. Invite your child to build a tower with you using blocks of various shapes and sizes.
2. As your child adds each block, talk about where it can go on the tower. Encourage her to look at the tower and the block she is adding. Prompt her to think about whether or not the block will balance on the tower. *Do you think the square block will stay on top of the triangle block?*
3. Observe your child as she experiments with the block tower. Use descriptive words like *round*, *curved*, and *leaning*.
4. Engage her in conversation as she works. *Did you find any blocks that will balance on the top of the triangle? Why did you use the big square blocks at the bottom of your tower?*
5. Talk about the completed tower when it is finished.