

Colour Matching Butterfly

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We know that young children spend a lot of time playing on the floor. This beautifully soft mat acts as a floor covering, but also as a way of developing key skills.

- Children can learn about colours and prepositions. There are a variety of objects for the child to sort. They can then find the corresponding colour on the giant butterfly and place it there.
- It is a good opportunity to talk about what they have chosen. Ask them what it is? Start a discussion, eg. what have you chosen? Where do fish live? etc.
- You may wish to ask them to find something specific, eg. a red or blue car. There are some items that are the same, but in different colours, enabling you to make sets of objects. You may ask them to find an animal, something they eat, something that goes fast etc. The aim is to generate language and for a quality interaction.
- As well as using the provided items you may choose to use other objects. You may choose to follow the child's specific interests. You could find a colour on the mat and then go on a walk to find things of the same colour ie. a colour treasure hunt.
- If you reverse the mat you can make patterns on the butterfly. There are various shapes
 - in different colours. You could place the shapes so that they make symmetrical patterns.
- You could also make collections, eg. collect all the triangles.
- The children may also enjoy adding their own things to the mat.