



# Family & Pets

## WEEK 1 MY FAMILY

STEAM STATION	YOUR SUPPLIES	BIG QUESTION AND INSPIRATION PHOTOS	TEACHER TIPS
<b>LESSON 1</b> <b>Play Kitchen</b> <small>CA 4 Drama SCI 4 Technology</small>	Cardboard box Kitchen utensils: whisk, can opener, garlic press, rolling pin Pans and dishes Oven mitts	 	Set up a play kitchen area and provide kitchen utensils that crank, spin, squeeze or roll. Pretend to prepare a family meal.
<b>LESSON 2</b> <b>Worm Families</b> <small>SCI 2 Natural &amp; Earth Science SS 1 Culture &amp; Community</small>	Bin of sand Straws Scissors	 	Fill a bin with sand and add straw segments. Pretend they are worms. Talk about worm families.
<b>LESSON 3</b> <b>Wreath for Mom</b> <small>SCI 2 Natural &amp; Earth Science CA 3 Visual Arts</small>	Paper plate Nature items Glue Scissors	 	Cut the center out of a paper plate. Create a wreath by gluing nature items to it.
<b>LESSON 4</b> <b>Clothespin Houses</b> <small>SS 3 Geography CA 4 Drama</small>	Basket of clothespins Markers Blocks	 	Set out markers and a basket of clothespins in the block area. Encourage children to decorate the clothespins to look like people. Build block houses for people to live in and create a neighborhood.
<b>LESSON 5</b> <b>Baking Tray</b> <small>MR 3 Shapes CA 4 Drama</small>	Cookie cutters Rolling pins Playdough Trays	 	Explore using playdough and kitchen utensils to make cookies for grandparents or other family members.

## WEEK 2 MY FEELINGS

<b>LESSON 6</b> <b>Pretend Party</b> <small>CA 4 Drama SED 1 Self-Awareness</small>	Birthday party supplies Stuffed animals	 	Set out birthday party supplies with stuffed animals. Invite children to decorate for then host a pretend party.
<b>LESSON 7</b> <b>Tub of Tears</b> <small>SCI 1 Investigation &amp; Inquiry SED 3 Attention &amp; Persistence</small>	Bin/tub of water Cups Eyedroppers and basters	 	Fill a bin with water. Set out cups, eyedroppers, basters and other squeeze toys. Invite children to explore the tools in the water.
<b>LESSON 8</b> <b>Calming Corner</b> <small>SED 2 Self-Regulation PD 2 Fine Motor</small>	Blankets/pillow Book Stuffed animal Tape	 	Set up a Calming Corner with books, stuffed animals, blankets and pillows. Invite children to explore the area and try using a stuffed animal to role-play some options. Visit the Calming Corner whenever children are tired, mad, frustrated, anxious.
<b>LESSON 9</b> <b>Noisemakers</b> <small>SCI 2 Natural &amp; Earth Science MR 4 Measurement</small>	Empty water bottles Tweezers Muffin tin Popcorn kernels and dried beans Cotton balls		Explore making noisemakers by adding popcorn kernels, beans or other items into empty water bottles.
<b>LESSON 10</b> <b>Making Faces</b> <small>SED 1 Self-Awareness SED 2 Self-Regulation</small>	Playdough Spiral pasta Wiggle eyes Pipecleaners Beads Mirror	 	Roll playdough into balls. Use the other materials to add eyes, hair, mouths. Talk about facial expressions and emotions.

## WEEK 3 PETS

STEAM STATION	YOUR SUPPLIES	BIG QUESTION AND INSPIRATION PHOTOS	TEACHER TIPS
<b>LESSON 11</b> <b>Holes</b> <small>SCI 4 Technology PD 1 Gross Motor</small>	Real bones or dog treats Various digging tools	 	Go outside and find different objects or tools that can help you dig holes (such as sticks or shovels). What can you find underground? What will you bury?
<b>LESSON 12</b> <b>Fish Nets</b> <small>SCI 3 Physical Science SED 4 Social Relationships</small>	Bowl or bin of water Small objects that float or sink Small aquarium net	 	Explore objects that float and sink. Scoop and catch the objects with a small aquarium net.
<b>LESSON 13</b> <b>Feather Investigation</b> <small>MR 4 Measurement SCI 3 Physical Science</small>	Feathers Bowls		Set out a variety of feathers and bowls. Explore making single feathers float high/low and far/near or into a bowl.
<b>LESSON 14</b> <b>Catching Ice</b> <small>SCI 1 Investigation &amp; Inquiry SCI 4 Technology</small>	Small items Ice cube tray or muffin tin Variety of tools: slotted spoon, aquarium net, tongs		Freeze small items in water, using an ice cube tray or muffin tin. Explore the frozen shapes in a bin of water.
<b>LESSON 15</b> <b>Turtle Shell</b> <small>MR 3 Shapes MR 7 Logic &amp; Reasoning</small>	Paper turtle shapes Blocks	 	Cut out several turtle shapes from paper. Invite children to explore placing blocks on the shapes to make shells.

## WEEK 4 FRIENDLY TRAITS

<b>LESSON 16</b> <b>Pet Hospital</b> <small>SED 4 Social Relationships SS 1 Culture &amp; Community</small>	Stuffed animals Bandages Clipboards with paper Markers	 	Set out a variety of stuffed animals, bandages, clipboards with paper and markers, and any other play doctor materials available. Role-play being veterinarians caring for sick animals.
<b>LESSON 17</b> <b>Sharing Colors</b> <small>SED 4 Social Relationships SCI 3 Physical Science</small>	Watercolors Cups Eyedroppers Paper	 	Create one communal painting by sharing resources: watercolors, eyedroppers, paper.
<b>LESSON 18</b> <b>Help! I'm Lost!</b> <small>PD 3 Safety CA 4 Drama</small>	Craft sticks Markers Tape Scissors Photos of friends or family		Tape photos of family or friends to the top of craft sticks. Stick the crafts sticks in the grass around the outdoor play area. Pretend they are lost. Help them find their way to various locations: the swing, the sidewalk, the tree.
<b>LESSON 19</b> <b>Encourage to Grow</b> <small>SCI 2 Natural &amp; Earth Science SCI 4 Technology</small>	Live plants Squirt bottles Soft cloths	 	Model how to care for plants by checking soil, watering, wiping leaves and offering sunlight. Investigate how squirt bottles work. Take apart a squirt bottle and look at the parts.
<b>LESSON 20</b> <b>Cooperative Construction</b> <small>MR 7 Logic &amp; Reasoning SED 4 Social Relationships</small>	Strips of colored paper Tape Basket of blocks Pocket Cube	 	Tape six different colors of paper on the wall at different heights. Roll a color cube. Stack blocks under the matching color until the "skyscraper" reaches the page.

## Set-Up Directions

These open-ended STEAM stations invite children to investigate, problem-solve and create.

- Hang the Big Question and Inspiration Photos on the wall next to the place you set up the investigation.
- Use the labels to identify and organize materials children will use (and clean up) as they explore STEAM stations.

### ROTATING YOUR STATIONS

- Introduce one new STEAM station daily. Leave that station set up all week. By the end of the week, children will have five stations to explore.



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**What tools  
do you use  
in the kitchen?**



**What do you  
think worm families  
do together?**



**What items  
will you add  
to your wreath?**



**Can you build  
a house?**



**What shape  
of cookie  
will you make?**



**What do you  
do at a party?**



**How do eyes  
make tears?**



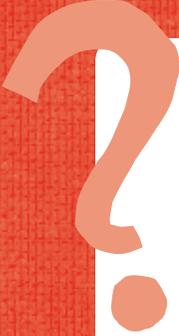
**What is  
your favorite  
“calm down”  
activity?**



**What can you  
use to make  
different noises?**



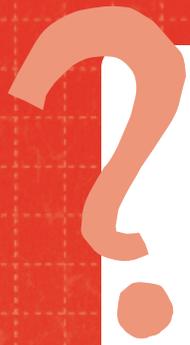
**How many  
different faces  
can you make?**



**How do dogs  
make holes?**



**What can  
you catch?**



**How many ways  
can you move  
the feather?**



**What tool  
works best  
to pick up ice?**



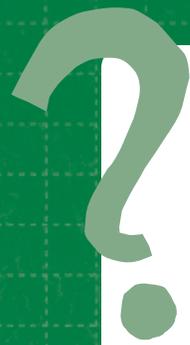
**How do you think  
a shell protects  
a turtle?**



**Can you work  
together to build  
one tall tower?**



**What does a plant  
need to survive?**



**Can you be  
a veterinarian?**



**What can you  
paint together?**

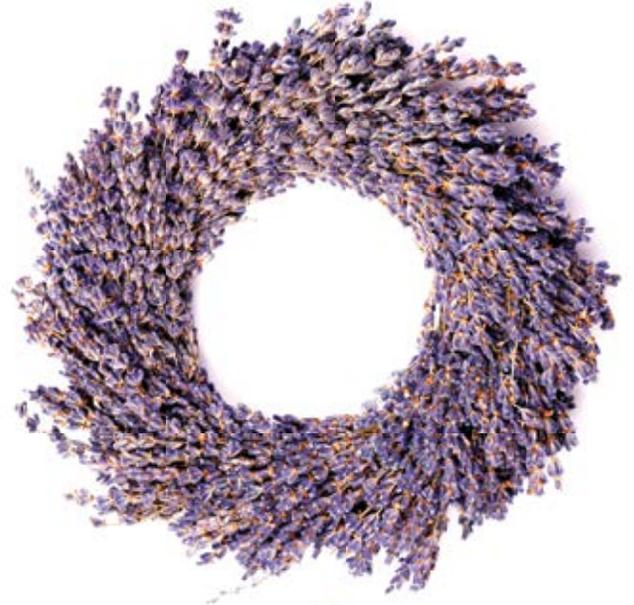


**How can you  
try to avoid  
getting lost?**



# KITCHEN







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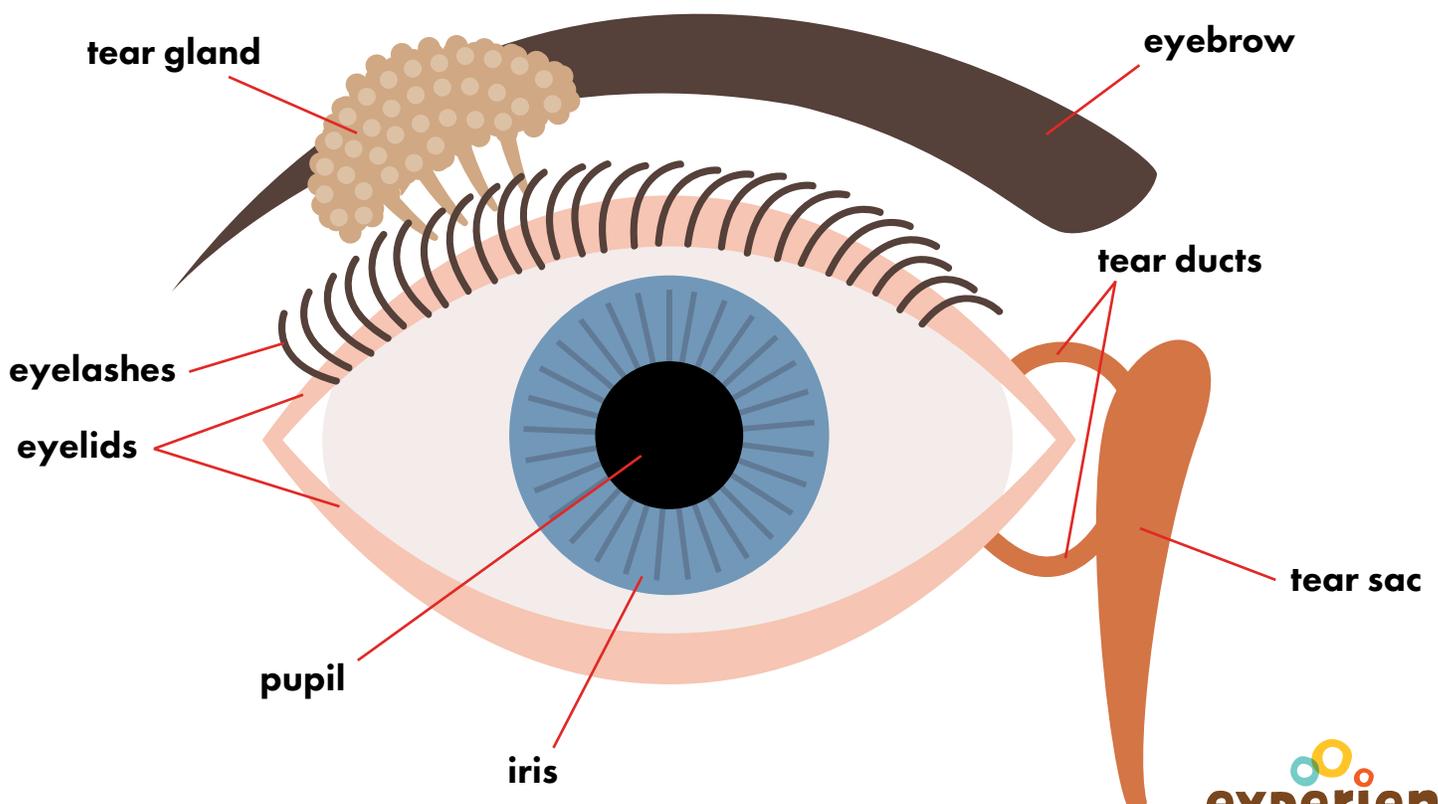




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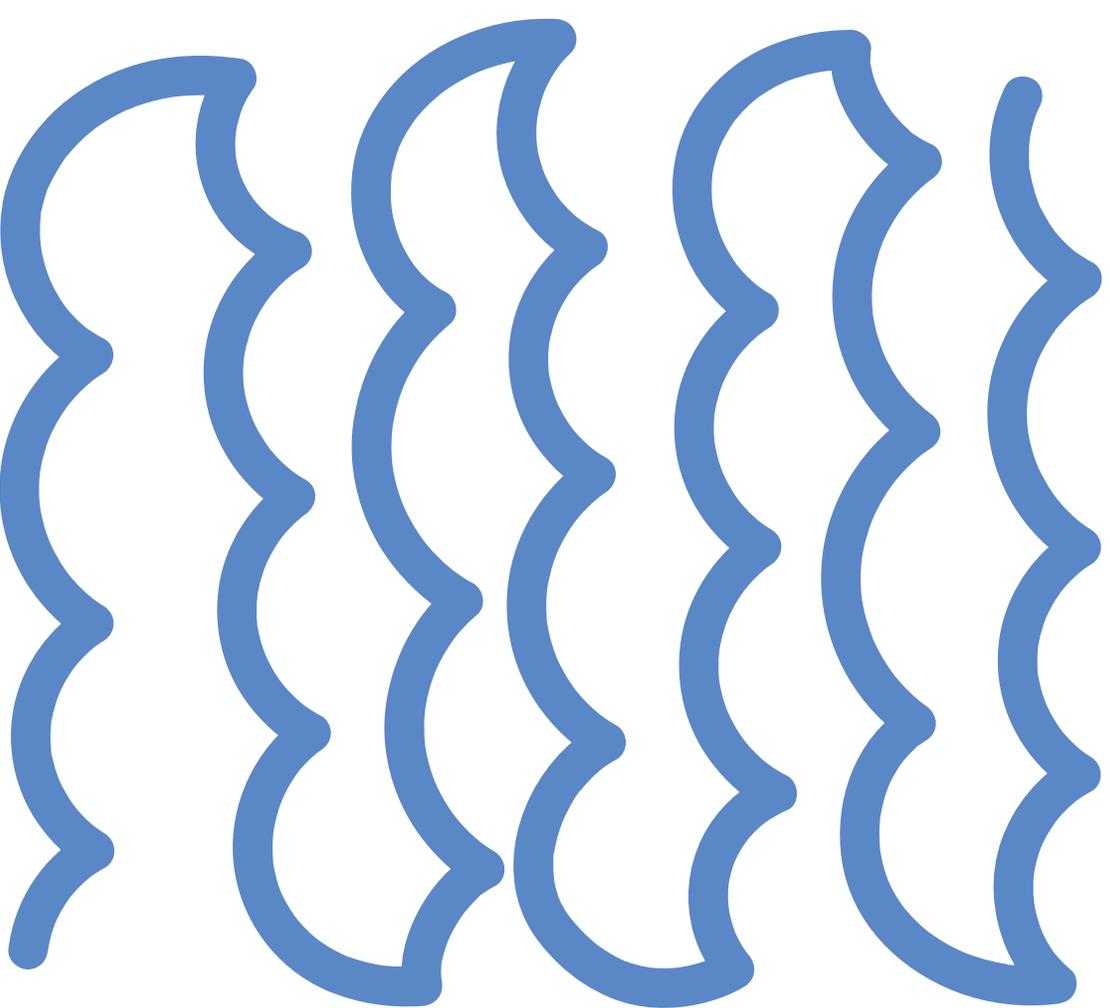
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# Calming corner



# Finger Tracing



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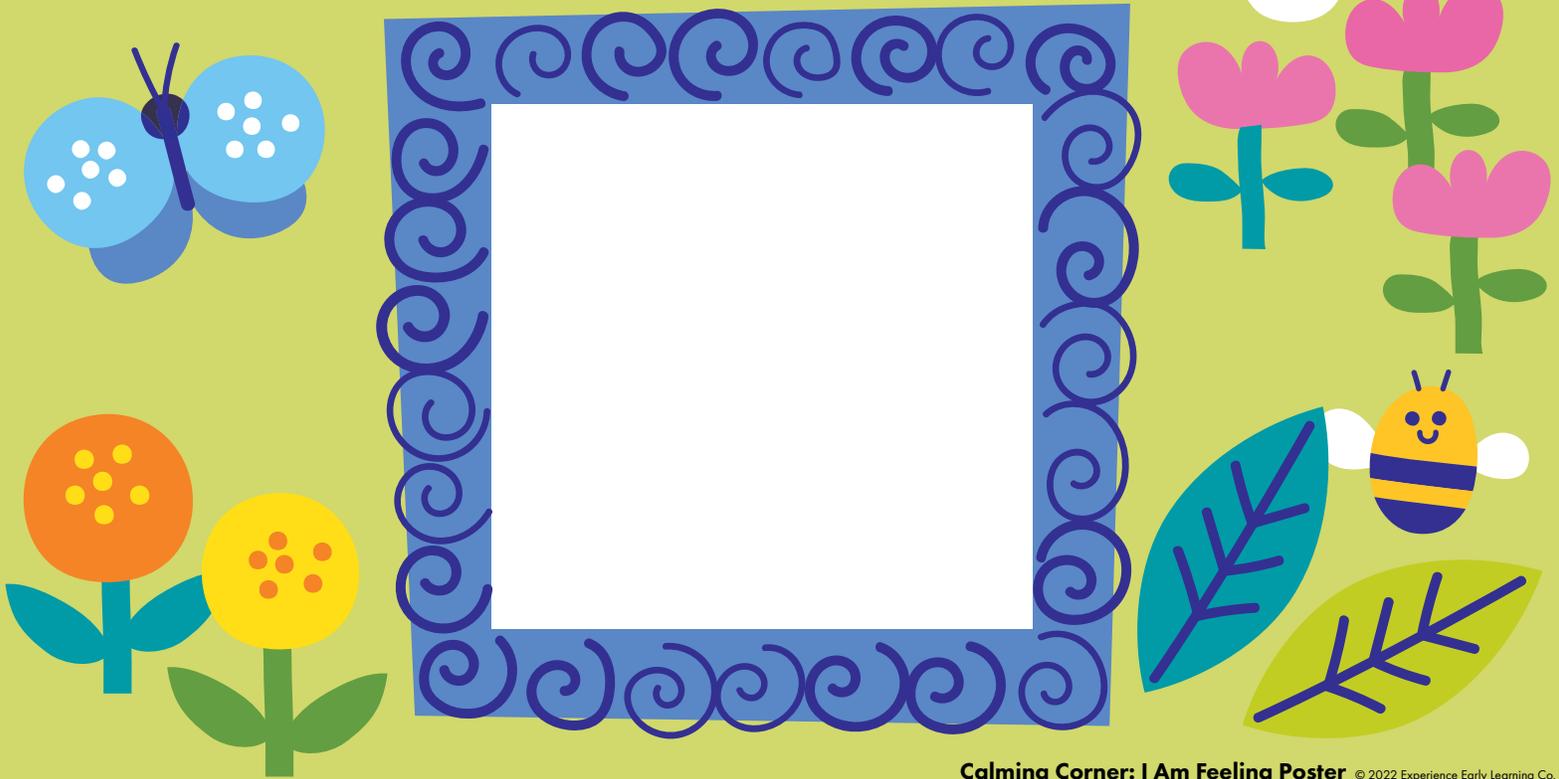
# Finger Tracing



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# I Am Feeling



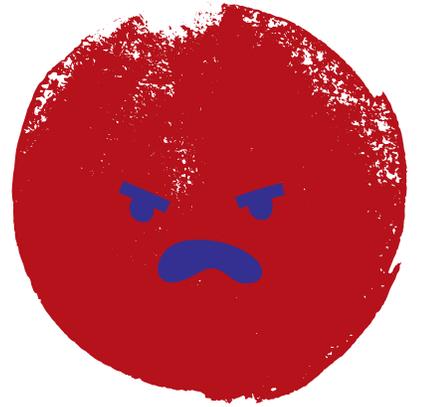
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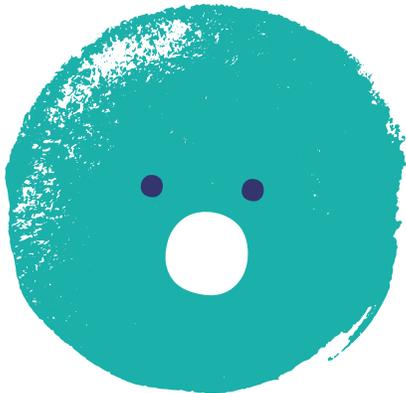
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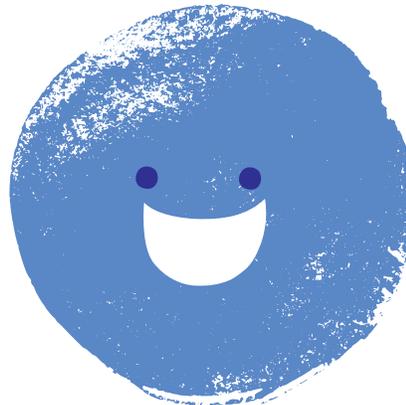
happy



angry



scared

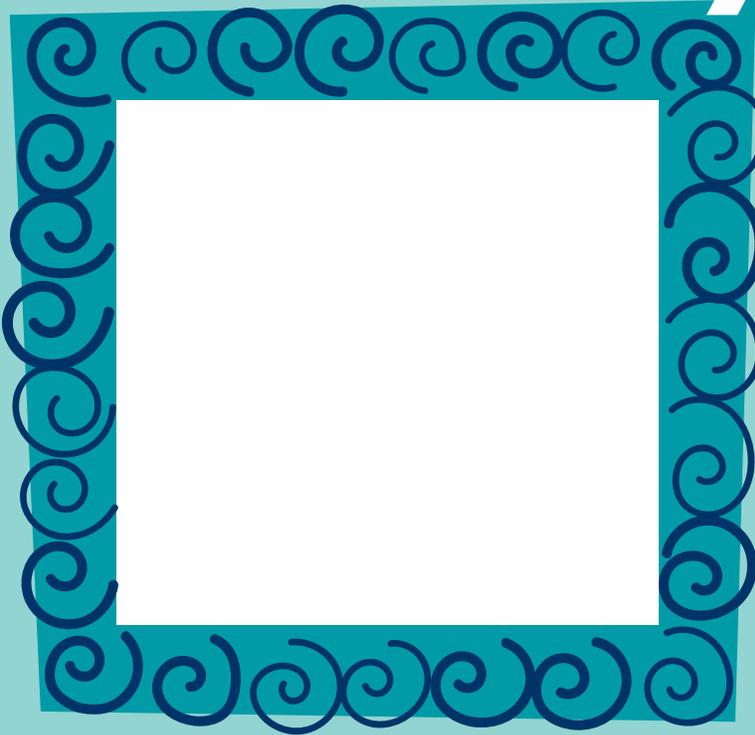


excited



worried

# I Can Try



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5 deep breaths



drawing



read a book



build blocks



do a puzzle



play with play dough



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**Happy**

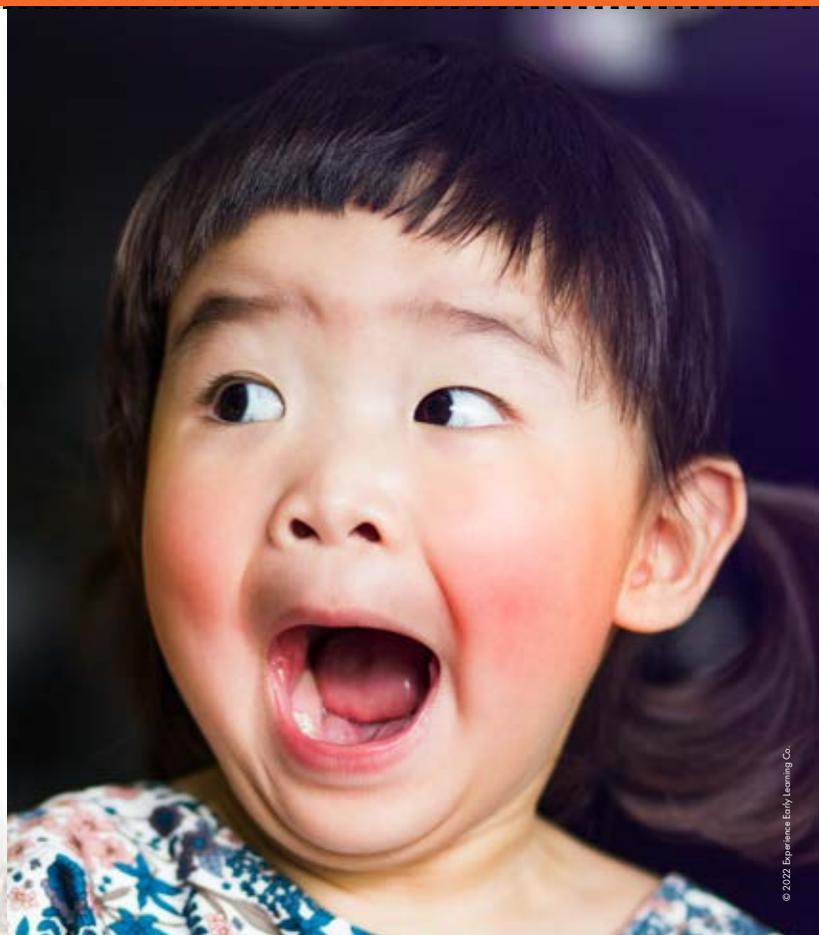


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**Sad**



**Scared**



**Surprised**

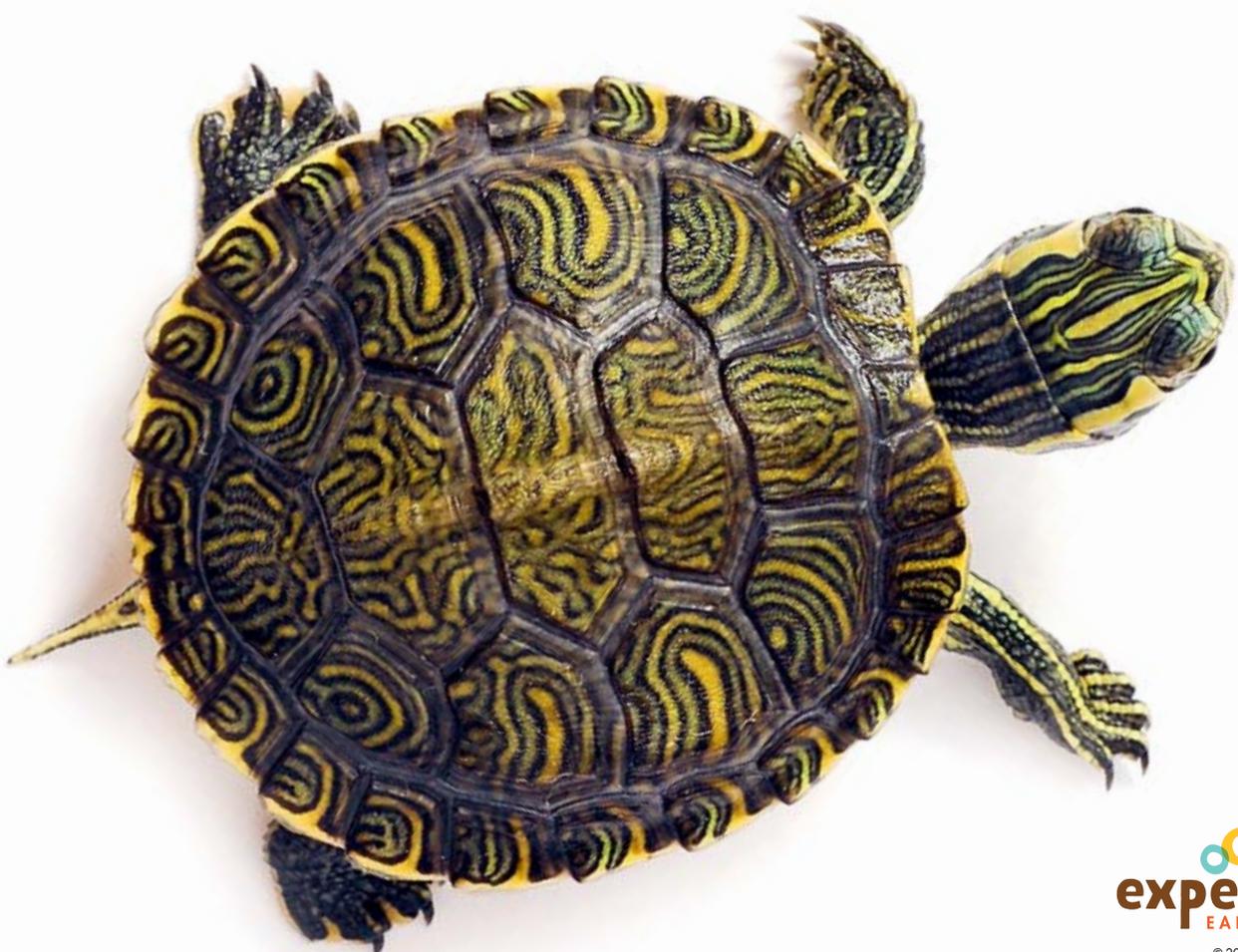


**Mad**

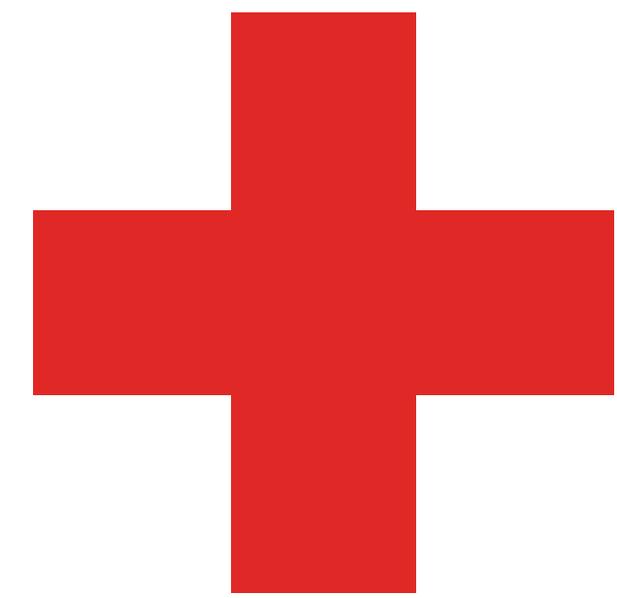




  
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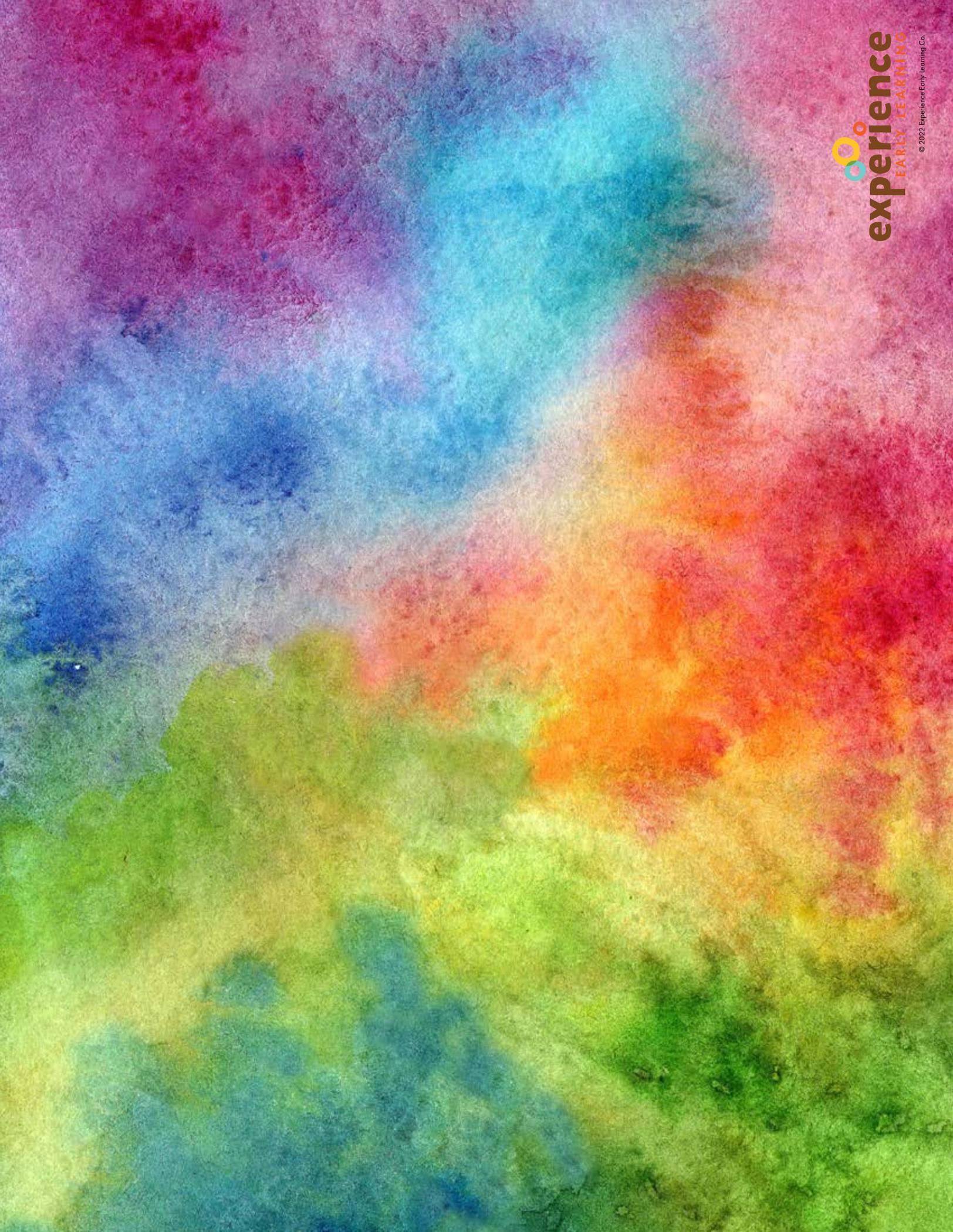


  
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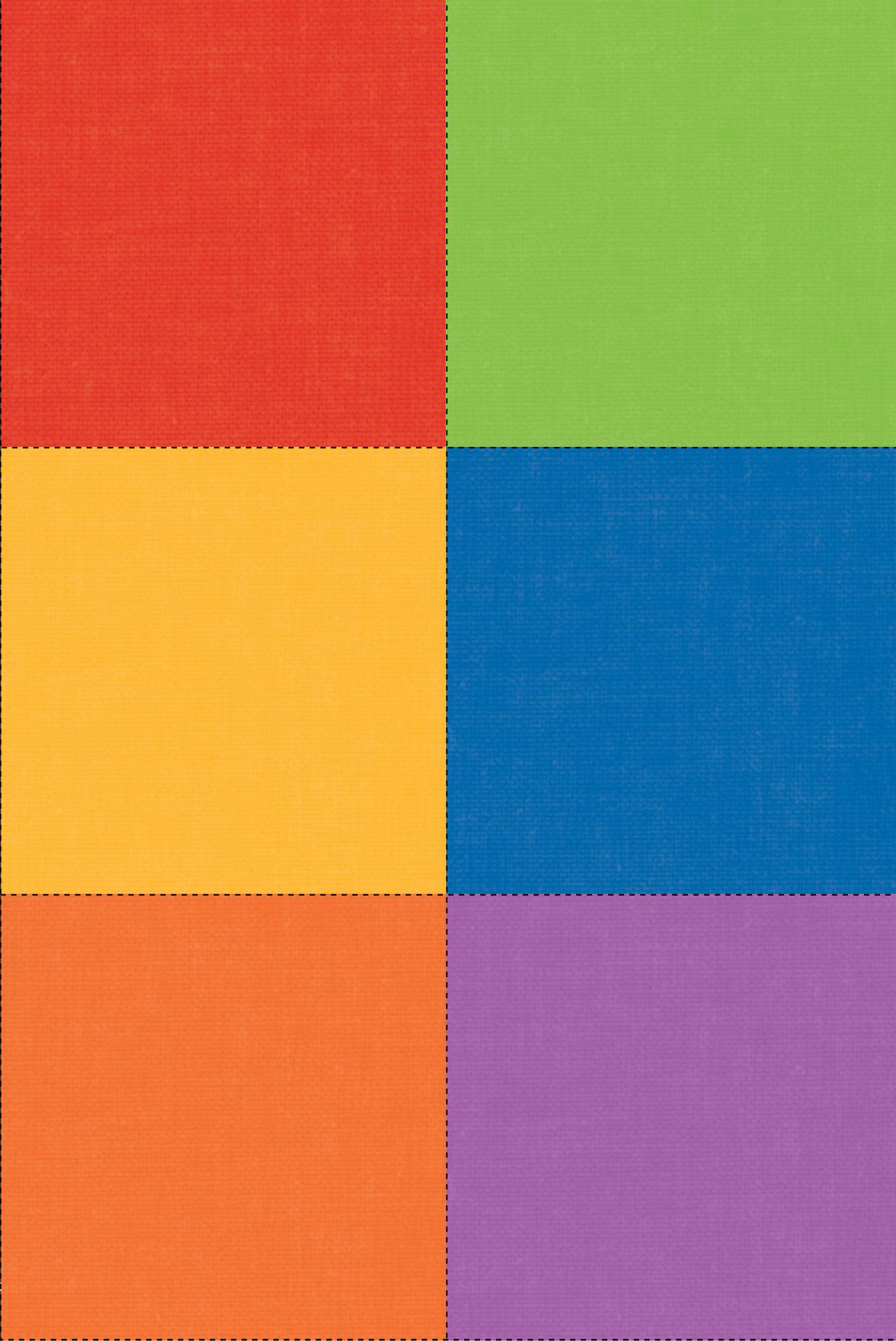
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# Cube Cards Colors





Boxes



Kitchen Utensils



Pans



Dishes



Oven Mitts



Bins



Sand



Straws



Scissors



Paper Plates



Nature Items



Glue



Baskets



Clothespins



Markers



Blocks



Cookie Cutters



Rolling Pins



Playdough



Trays



Party Supplies



Stuffed Animals



Water



Cups



**Eyedroppers**



**Basters**



**Blankets**



**Pillows**



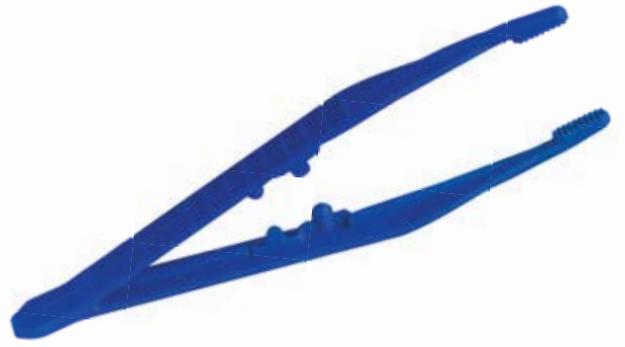
**Books**



**Tape**



Empty Water Bottles



Tweezers



Muffin Tins



Popcorn



Beans



Cotton Balls



Pasta



Wiggle Eyes



Pipecleaners



Beads



Mirror



Dog Bones



Dog Treats



Digging Tools



Bowls



Small Objects



Aquarium Net



Feathers



Ice Cube Trays



Assorted Tools



Paper



Pocket Cube



Plants



Squirt Bottles



Soft Cloths



Bandages



Clipboards



Watercolors



Craft Sticks



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