Block Harbor
Square, circle, triangle!
At the museum, our Block Harbor exhibit has a pirate ship you can climb aboard. When you come ashore you can use wooden and cushion blocks to build your own ship or place of port! While the museum is closed, you can use your imagination and this guide to bring block building fun into your home!

Look
I Spy...Shapes!
Look out your window, stroll around your home or take a walk with your grown-up. Can you find circles, triangles, and squares?
How about diamonds, rectangles, octagons, or pentagon? How many sides does each shape have? How many corners?

Create
Cardboard Tube Towers
Materials: Cardboard tubes (or construction paper, tape or a stapler), markers or crayons, scissors
Cut your tubes into different heights. Make slits at similar spots around the opening of the tubes. If you do not have cardboard tubes, use construction (or other sturdy) paper to make tubes. Try building a castle by adding the tubes into the slits and building higher and higher!

Move
How can you make shapes with your body? Start with your fingers and hands. Can you make a circle, square or triangle? Next, can you turn your whole body into shapes? Give it a try!

Blocks Can Be...
Boats or castles with moats
Even mountains with goats
BLOCKS, you see,
Are more than you see –
They’re settings
For stories
And places to be
BLOCKS CAN BE
Havens or harbors
Or homes
Lands filled with dragons or sailors or gnomes
Places to see, to story, to seem,
Places to daily daily and dream

Blocks are for
Comparing
Counting
Stacking
Measuring
Balancing
Nesting
Sorting
Interlocking
Testing
Teetering
Toppling and Repeating!

For more At Home! activities and information about our exhibits visit us at sichildrensmuseum.org

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