

# 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?

## Do

### Go on a Shape Hunt!

Try these: boxes, dominoes, cartons, pots, lids, cans, plastic containers, etc. Try stacking them together, or build a tower or pyramid. See how high you can go!

## 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 dally daily and dream

**Ages 2-7**

## Blocks are for

Comparing

Counting

Stacking

Measuring

Balancing

Nesting

Sorting

Interlocking

Testing

Teetering

Toppling and Repeating!



## 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!

## Explore More

<https://pbskids.org/games/shapes/>

<https://www.khanacademy.org/math/basic-geo/basic-geometry-shapes>



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