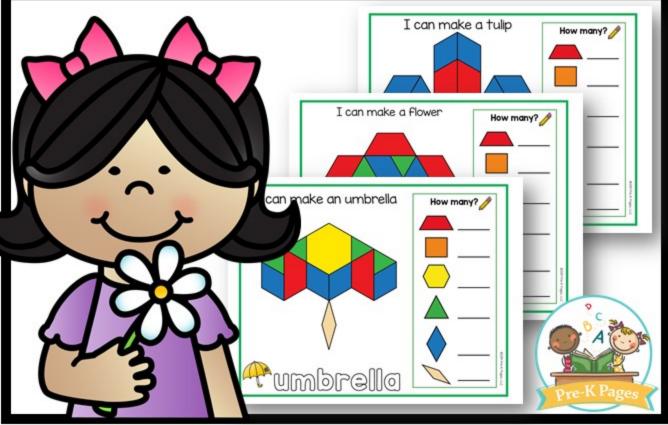


### Spring Pattern Block Mats





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Pattern blocks have many educational benefits when used in the early childhood classroom.

Aside from learning geometric shapes, creating images and designs with pattern blocks will also help your little learners develop important **fine motor skills**.

As they manipulate the pattern blocks they are developing handeye coordination. When children are using pattern blocks and placing them on their mats they're **increasing their attention spans** and ability to **concentrate**.

When young children are using pattern blocks on their mats they are actually developing very important **pre-reading skills!** 

Identifying shapes and giving them names is the first step in beginning to identify letters of the alphabet!

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How many?

I can make an umbrella

'umbrell

## Teacher Directions

#### Objective:

✓ Learners will use pattern blocks to create geometric shapes and designs on mats.

#### Materials:

- ✓ Cardstock or AstroBrights Paper
- ✓ Printer
- ✓ Laminating Film
- ✓ Scissors
- ✓ Pattern Blocks

### Directions:

Print, laminate, and cut out the mats of your choice. There are both full and half page versions, as well as color and black and white mat options for you to choose from.

Next, introduce the mats to your class in large or small group. Demonstrate how to use the pattern blocks on the mats to create designs.

Then, invite each student in your small group to choose a mat and create the same design with pattern blocks on their own mats.

