

Making puzzles out of card/ greeting cards or photos



Making puzzles out of photos or greeting cards is a fun and inexpensive way to teach your child a variety of skills.

While you put your card puzzles together you can...

- talk about the shapes your child cut
- teach spatial concepts (next to, in front of, behind, around, near, etc.)
- practice problem solving skills (i.e. what will happen if we turn the piece around)
- discuss designs and pictures on the cards
- introduce new vocabulary (we talked about the words diagonal, curved, rounded, pointy, etc.)

Another reason that homemade puzzles are great is because they can be adapted to fit your child's individual needs/abilities. Younger children can just create 3-5 piece puzzles and older kids could cut their cards into 20+ pieces and make them really tricky to put together. You could even have an older sibling create a puzzle for a younger sibling.



For a number/ counting theme puzzle you can use a cereal box and cut out the desired number of pieces depending on your child's age/abilities. Write numbers on the pieces and let them have fun putting the pieces in number order to create the puzzle.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-TApV-VDkBY>

Use the link to see ideas on making puzzles out of photos

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