

GUPPY GROSSUP
SHAPES AND FORM



Storytime!

Welcome to Part 1 of your at-home Guppy Group activity!

- Start by telling your Guppies that you will be reading a book together. This book is about shapes & form

Here are some questions to ask your Guppy.

What are your favorite shape?

Where do you see them? If you could touch them?

What would they feel like? What do they taste like?

What are some things that are those shapes?

What do you see in this room that is your favorite shapes?

- After this introductory discussion, read *Shapes* by John J. Reiss together with your Guppy. If you don't have this book on hand, you can watch this version on YouTube:

<https://tinyurl.com/GuppyShape> Remember to stop on every page and ask your Guppy inquiry questions.

Follow their train of thought & try not to give them yes or no questions.

Here are some sample questions you could ask.

What do you notice?

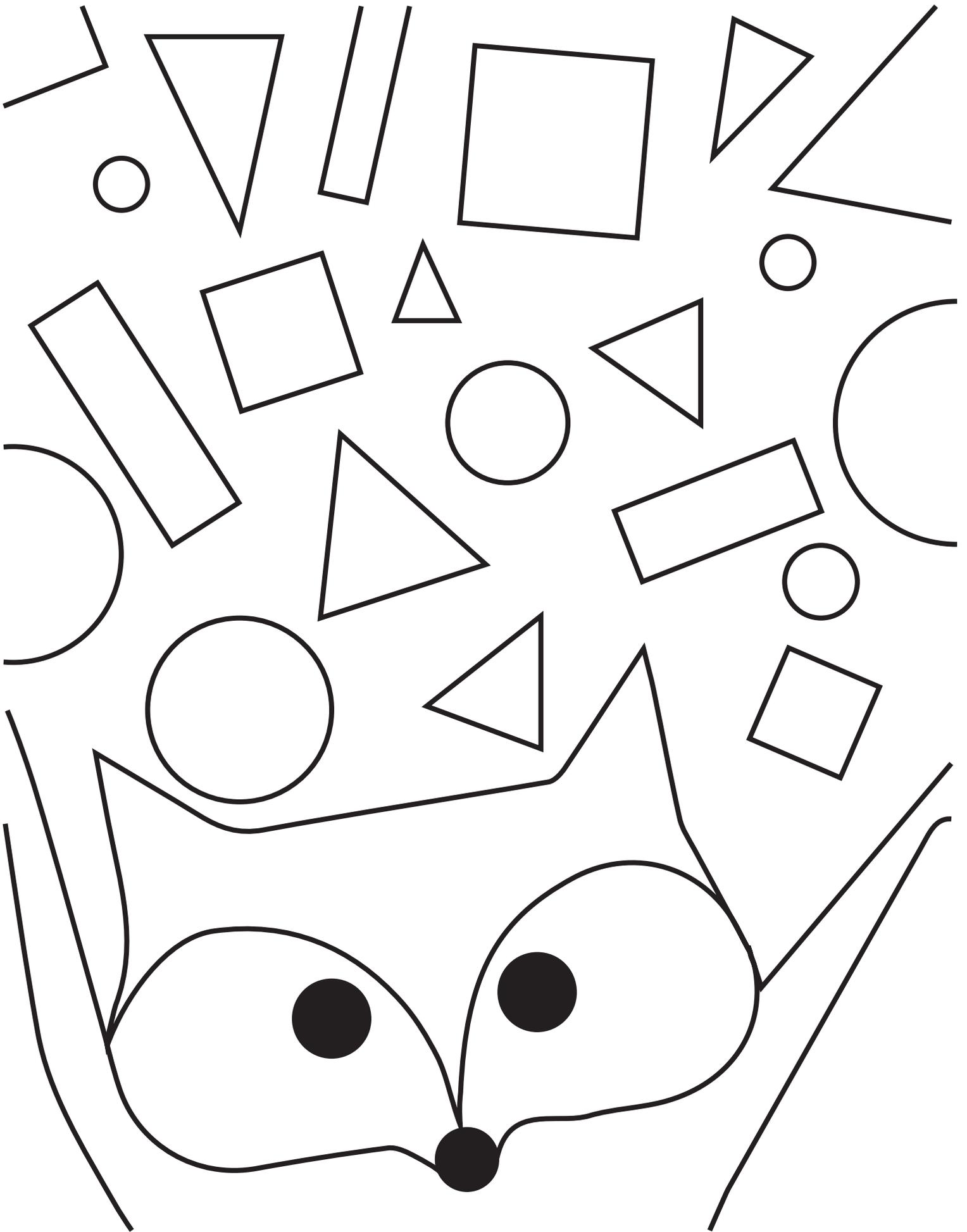
Where do you see triangles?

How many sides do they have?

What do you wonder?

What else is round?

-If you are able to print, the following coloring page is available for you to complete with your Guppy or just allow your Guppy a chance to explore color mixing and mark making.



Mystery Bag!

This section will be patterned after the Mystery Bag Station at the in person Guppy Group at the Museum.

- You can use any type of bag for this activity. Look through your house to find various objects with different shapes. Place them in your mystery bag.
- Give your Guppy the opportunity to pull one object at a time out of the mystery bag.
- Talk about each object with your Guppy.

Here are some questions you could ask.

- What shape is it?
- Which of these shapes do you like? Why or why not?

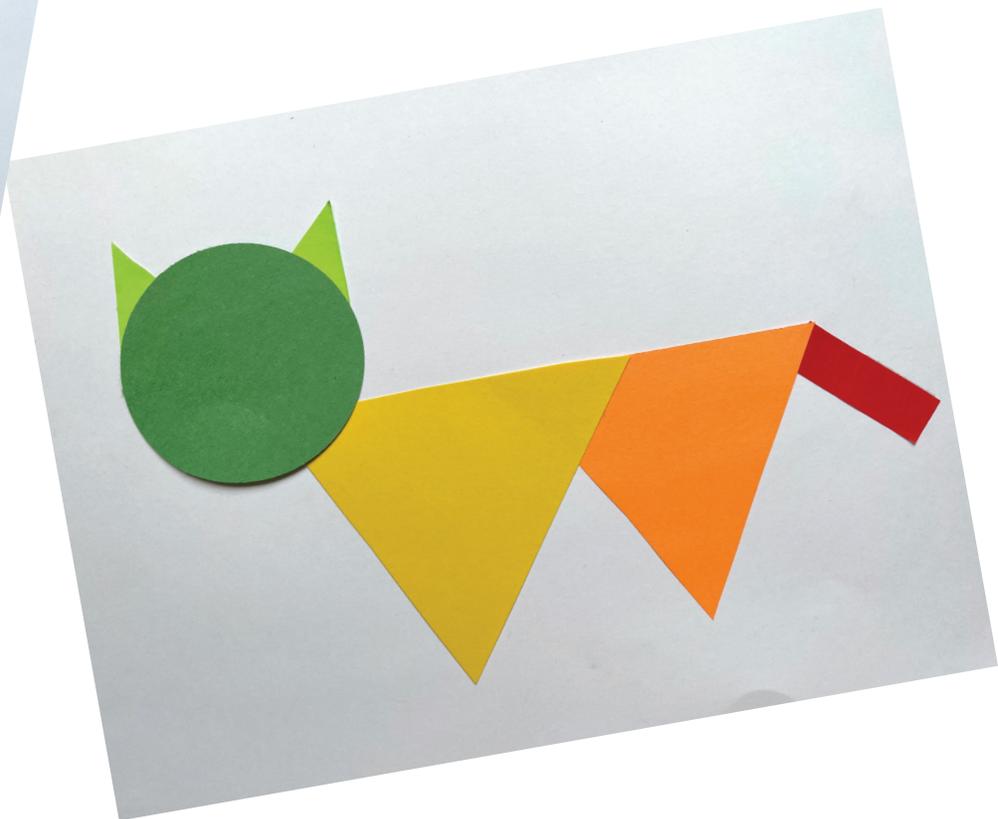
Art Making

The main objective for this activity is to experiment with shapes using them to make other things out of them. We hope this will also help your Guppy recognize simple shapes in complex

-For this art project, you will need: shapes cut by you or your guppy out of colored paper, glue stick, copy paper optional markers/colored pencils/crayons

-Work together to cut out the shapes. Then glue the shapes to a sheet of paper, in whatever design your Guppy chooses, to create a collage!

-Encourage your Guppy to use their imagination. They can use their shapes to create a picture of their house, of an animal, or even other shapes.



Art Connection!

Time to spy all the shapes you saw today. Count how many you can find.

-Begin this section by reviewing shapes with your Guppy.

-What shapes did you see?

-Then explain that you will now talk about shapes in art.

- With your Guppy, go through the following images from the Museum's permanent collection. Work together with your Guppy to find different shapes in each image, and talk about how they are used. How do the shapes make you feel when you look at the artwork? Which shapes do you notice the most? Why did you think the artist chose the shapes that they did?





Chelsea VI,
by Donald Penrod Olsen (1910 - 1981)
1980
Acrylic on canvas



Marine #2
George Smith Dibble (1904 - 1992)
1938
oil on board



Berlin Wall
Brian Dean Christensen (1963 -)
2002
Mixed media



Square One
Edith Taylor Roberson (1929 - 2014)
2001
Acrylic on canvas



Early Abstract
Angelo Caravaglia (1925 - 2009)
1957
Oil on board



Another Tree House
Dale Thompson Fletcher (1920 - 1990)
1976
Mixed media

The Guppy Song!

If you've brought your little ones along to Guppy Group before, chances are they might remember the Guppy Group song. If you'd like to sing it together, the words are included below. Sing along to this tune:

<https://tinyurl.com/guppy-tune>

One little Guppy
Swimming in the water,
Swimming in the water,
Swimming in the water
One little Guppy
Swimming in the water
Bubble, Bubble, Bubble, Bubble
POP!

(If you remember the associated hand motions, feel free to do those as well! Make sure to clap your hands together for the POP! Carry on to the next verse for as many numbers as you'd like.)

Thanks for participating! We hope you and your Guppy enjoyed learning about Shapes with us! Keep an eye out for next month's at-home Guppy Group Packet, where you can explore Animals & Texture with your Guppy.

