



Thinksheet

Rising Kindergarten

Patterns By National Geographic Kids

Home Activities and Virtual Links

As the story demonstrates, children are exposed to and learn about patterns in the environment from clothing, animals, colors, and shapes. Recognizing and extending patterns assists students in developing literacy skills, as words and letters are made up of patterns – both in the shapes that make them up, and in the sounds they form, like in rhyming patterns.

- [National Geographic Look and Learn Patterns Read Aloud](#)
- [National Geographic Kids: Patterns Photos and Info Links](#)
- [Patterns Activities that Kids Love- Links and Printables](#)
- [Kids Konnect Number Patterns and Sequence Activities](#)
- [Fun Ways to Teach Kids About Patterns](#)

Creation Station: Children learn to recognize, create, copy and extend patterns through repeated daily activities. Enjoy these ways to reinforce pattern skills in your everyday life in fun, creative, and tasty ways:

- **Blocks:** With a set of blocks, help your student create a simple AB pattern while saying it out loud (red, blue, red, blue) Ready for more complex patterns? Try **ABB** (red, blue, blue, red, blue, blue) or **ABC** (red, blue, green, red, blue, green)
- **Bead Bracelet:** Help your child create simple or complex patterns using beads on a string, shoe lace, or a pipe cleaner.
- **Cereal Bracelet:** Use cereal loops and thread them onto a string in a simple or complex pattern, then enjoy a snack!
- **Decorate a Paper Plate:** Have your student use crayons, paint or markers to create patterns along the edge of a plate. Suggest a pattern or students can imagine and create their own. Decorate for a party or serve a meal on it!
- **Forage on a Nature Walk:** While enjoying the outdoors in your neighborhood or at a park, encourage your student to collect several each of anything they can forage, or search for and collect: twigs, pebbles, leaves, pinecones, or acorns. At home, help them to arrange the items in a line in various patterns (ex: **AAB**-acorn, acorn, leaf, acorn, acorn, leaf)



These resources were prepared by GELF's Educator Advisory Council, a group of 28 Tennessee educators, to encourage engagement with the K-3 Home Library books distributed to students over the summer.

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