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Shape Detective

Materials:

- Digital Camera
- Photos
- Glue
- Craft Supplies
- Crayons
- Glue
- Glue Stick
- Scissors

Talk About It:

Become the Sherlock Holmes of Shapes

Shapes are everywhere—you just have to know what to look for! A dinner plate might be a circle; a piece of pizza might be a triangle; and a door frame might be a rectangle. Talk to your child about different shapes, then break out your camera or sketch pad and scout your house for more.

Make it:

Step 1: Things You'll Need

Collect the items from the materials list.

Little Hands Tip: Point out ten different shapes from around the room.

Step 2: Shape Hunt

With your child, look around your house for different shapes. When you find a shape, take a photo of it. Once you've found at least three different shapes, print out the photos. If you don't have a camera, you can do a little detective work in some old magazines.

Little Hands Tip: Name each shape as you find it.



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Step 3: Cut to the Chase

Once you have your photos or magazine pictures, carefully cut around the shape in each picture.

Little Hands Tip: Point out the angles, lines and curves of each shape. What makes a circle different from a square?

Step 4: It's Taking Shape

Time to make a collage! Lay the shapes out on a piece of construction paper in whatever arrangement you like. Then, attach the photos to the construction paper using a glue stick.

Step 5: Make It Stick

Using glue or a glue stick, draw an outline around each shape.

Step 6: A Bright Idea

Sprinkle glitter on the glue outline. After this dries, it will create a pretty border, and your shape collage will sparkle!

Step 7: Make It Ship Shape

Add to the collage with other pieces of construction paper, fabric, crayons, or markers.

Step 8: Take Credit For Being a Super Sleuth

When you're finished, don't forget to sign your name on your shape collage!

Step 9: Good Job! You Cracked The Case

Display your shape collage somewhere special. But remember—a shape detective's work is never done! Always be on the lookout for new shapes wherever you go!

Little Hands Tip: What other shapes can you find?