

## Matching Numbers

Purpose: To become familiar with the symbols used for numbers, to practice counting skills as well as to develop fine motor skills.

Directions: You will need a work mat or table top and numbers from 1-10 cut out of heavy black cardstock, and a set of ten number sheets showing the outline of a number and a corresponding number of vertical black dots, from one to ten. Sit beside the child with the box of number sheets and numbers. Remove the number shapes from the box and place them on the mat to the right of the sheets, vertically and in no particular order. Lift up the first number shape and slowly compare the number shape to each of the number outlines. Repeat with each number shape. You can then remove the number shapes from the sheets and again arrange them in a vertical row on the work mat. Invite the child now to complete the activity.

Extensions: You can make a booklet out of the number sheets and attach the corresponding number shapes in an envelope.

For younger children numbers 1-5 can be incorporated.

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