

Child: _____ Date: _____

Therapist: _____ Phone: _____

Occupational Therapy

Design Copy Skills

In order to copy designs a child has to be able to understand that they need to do the "same" thing, correctly interpret the visual information of where all the pieces go in relation to the other pieces (visual spatial skills) and then have the motor skills to complete the task. The ability to correctly interpret and use visual information is needed for tasks such as learning to print letters.

Activity Suggestions:

Try the following activities to develop design copy skills:

- matching and sorting activities - this can be done by colour, shape, size, object, etc.
- puzzles – inset then interlocking or jigsaw puzzles as skills improve
- play Simon Says or Follow the Leader by doing an action and having the child do the same thing (ie. put both hands on top of your head and get your child to imitate you)
- imitation games where your child has to do the same thing with a toy (wg. drive a toy car back and forth making car noises, or make the toy hop or fly)
- string coloured beads in an order such as red, blue, red, blue, then have your child continue the pattern
- as above but place coloured beads or objects along a line
- as above using a pegboard and coloured pegs
- as above with coloured marshmallows, fruit loops, blocks, socks, etc.
- imitate building tasks by making a simple structure with a few pieces as your child watches you, then have your child make the same thing with identical pieces (eg. use Lego and stack three different coloured pieces, then have your child make the same thing with the same coloured pieces)
- as above using blocks, marshmallows and toothpicks, etc.
- build pictures using shapes (eg. use a square and a triangle to make a house) then have your child build the same structure with identical pieces
- use craft sticks to make a shape and have your child build the same shape