

Round is a Mooncake: A Book of Shapes / Roseanne Thong
As a little girl discovers things round, square, and rectangular in her urban neighborhood, she is reminded of her Chinese American culture.

Round is a Tortilla: A Book of Shapes / Roseanne Greenfield Thong
A little girl discovers things that are round, square, and rectangular in her Hispanic American neighborhood.

I Am Blop! / Herve Tullet
Using very few words and over 100 illustrations in varying colors and patterns, young children are exposed to a variety of concepts via the “adventures” of the Blop family.

Mouse Shapes / Ellen Stoll Walsh
Three mice make a variety of things out of different shapes as they hide from a scary cat.

EASY READERS

Shape Spotters / Megan E. Bryant (j Er PRIMER BRYANT)

Dear Dragon’s Fun with Shapes / by Margaret Hillert (j Er PRIMER HILLERT)
A boy and his pet dragon look at shapes such as squares, circles and triangles and then go outside to find shapes in nature and objects.

Chickens on the Move / Pam Pollack (j Er POLLACK)

A Circle in the Sky / Zachary Wilson (j Er PRIMER WILSON)
A child puts together various simple shapes to build a rocket that will fly to the moon. Includes suggested learning activities.

ACTIVITIES AND CRAFTS

Kathy Ross crafts triangles, rectangles, circles, and squares / Kathy Ross (j 745.5 Ros)
Provides step-by-step instructions for twenty easy crafts intended to teach about four basic shapes: circles, squares, triangles, and rectangles.

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for children in preschool through second grade*

*Unless otherwise noted, all books may be found in
the picture book section under the author’s last name.*

TODDLER BOOKS

Hello, Círculos!: Shapes in English and Spanish (j T HELLO)
Learn shapes in English and Spanish with the artwork of the San Antonio Museum of Art.

Spot Looks at Shapes / Eric Hill (j T HILL)
Spot the dog introduces shapes that are round, square, diamond, star, oblong, triangle, and oval.

Flip-a-Shape: Play! / SAMi (j T SAMI)
Toddlers will love changing one thing into another as they learn to recognize circles, squares, ovals, triangles, and rectangles.

Skippyjon Jones Shape Up / Judy Schachner (j T SCHACHNER)
Skippyjon the cat does an exercise routine featuring items of various shapes.

Dinosaur Shapes / Paul Stickland (j T STICKLAND)
Colorful illustrations of playful dinosaurs introduce eight basic shapes.

PICTURE BOOKS

Pigs on the Ball: Fun with Math and Sports / Amy Axelrod
The Pig family visits a miniature golf course and learns about shapes, angles, and geometry.

Bear In a Square / Stella Blackstone
With a big friendly bear as a guide, you can find shapes hidden on count squares, circles, triangles, zig-zags and stars.

Ship Shapes / Stella Blackstone
See how many everyday shapes you can spot while sailing the open sea in search of jewels and treasure!

Shapeasaurus / Megan E. Bryant

Follow the young Tyrannosaurus rex as he observes the shapes and other dinosaurs that make up his world.

What Am I?: Looking Through Shapes at Apples and Grapes / N.N. Charles

Illustrations with cut-out shapes and rhyming questions introduce fruits, colors, and shapes.

What Is Square? / Rebecca Kai Dotlich

Rhyming text and photographs show a variety of familiar square objects.

Color Farm / Lois Ehlert

The rooster, dog, sheep, cow, pig, and other animals on a farm are made up of colorful shapes such as squares, circles, rectangles, and triangles.

Color Zoo / Lois Ehlert

Introduces colors and shapes with illustrations of shapes on die-cut pages that form animal faces when placed on top of one another.

The Wing On a Flea: A Book about Shapes / Ed Emberly

Simple rhyming text and illustrations guide the reader to see triangles, rectangles, and circles in everyday things.

Shape Capers / Cathryn Falwell

A group of children shakes shapes out of a box and discovers the fun of using circles, squares, triangles, semicircles, rectangles, and their imaginations.

Food for Thought / Saxton Freymann

Presents fruits and vegetables carved into shapes to teach colors, numbers, letters, shapes, and opposites.

When a Line Bends – A Shape Begins / Rhonda Greene

Rhymed text describes how shapes are made from simple lines. Some of the verses appear on the page in the shape they describe.

My Heart is like a Zoo / Michael Hall

Depicts in rhyming text how love can be many different things, such as eager as a beaver, steady as a yak, or silly as a seal.

Circle Dogs / Kevin Henkes

Circle dogs live in a square house with a square yard and spend a busy day eating circle snacks, digging circle holes, and sleeping.

Cubes, Cones, Cylinders & Spheres / Tana Hoban

Photographs of all kinds of familiar objects depict a variety of shapes, including cubes, cones, and spheres.

Dots, spots, Speckles, And Stripes / Tana Hoban

Photographs show dots, spots, speckles, and stripes as found on clothing, flowers, faces, animals, and other places.

Is it Red? Is it Yellow? Is it Blue? / Tana Hoban

Illustrations and brief text introduce colors and the concepts of shape and size.

Shapes, Shapes, Shapes / Tana Hoban

Photographs of familiar objects such as chair, barrettes, and manhole cover present a study of rounded and angular shapes.

So Many Circles, So Many Squares / Tana Hoban

The geometric concepts of circles and squares are shown in photographs of wheels, signs, pots, and other familiar objects.

Exploring Shapes / Andrew King (j 516 Kin)

Games and projects introduce two-dimensional and three-dimensional shapes, including the square, rectangle, triangle, circle, and polygon.

Shape by Shape / Suse MacDonald

Turn the die-cut pages to discover colorful shapes, which come together to reveal a creature from long ago.

I Spy Shapes in Art / Lucy Micklethwait

Presents objects with the shape of a heart, a triangle, a square and other shapes through paintings by such artists as Magritte, Escher, and Matisse.

Captain Invincible and the Space Shapes / Stuart J. Murphy (j 516 Mur)

While piloting his spaceship through the skies, Captain Invincible encounters three-dimensional shapes, including cubes, cylinders, and pyramids.

Shapes That Roll / Karen Nagel

Three friendly guides—Triangle, Circle, and Square—point out attributes of other common shapes.

A Star in My Orange / Dana Meachen Rau

Photographs and simple text explain how various shapes and patterns can be found all around in nature.

Come to My Party: And Other Shape Poems / Heidi B. Roemer (j 811 Roe)

Square Cat / Elizabeth Schoonmaker

Eulah the cat is square and, while she longs to be round like other cats, her friends show her the benefits of the shape that she has.

Swirl by Swirl: Spirals in Nature / Joyce Sidman

Celebrates the shape of a spiral in nature, from rushing rivers to flower buds and even the shape of an ear.