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Early Math Collaborative

Color Zoo by Lois Ehlert



Shapes and colors in your zoo, lots of things that you can do. Heads and ears, beaks and snouts, that's what animals are all about. I know animals and you do too; Make some new ones for your zoo.

- Join your child in finding the different shapes.
 How many of each shape can you find?
- Ask if your child can think of another animal they could create with shapes. Help him/ her cut out shapes or make a drawing using shapes to make it.
- If your child cannot think of a new animal, you can use the geometric shapes you cut to recreate one of the animals you saw in the book.
- Use words to describe the characteristics of the cut-out shapes while manipulating them to create the animal.