



# ABC Play dough

## Ages 3 years to 4 years

**Objective:** The child begins to recognize the alphabet while using play dough to explore and create letters.

**Materials needed:**

Play dough

Small Popsicle sticks

Plastic Knife

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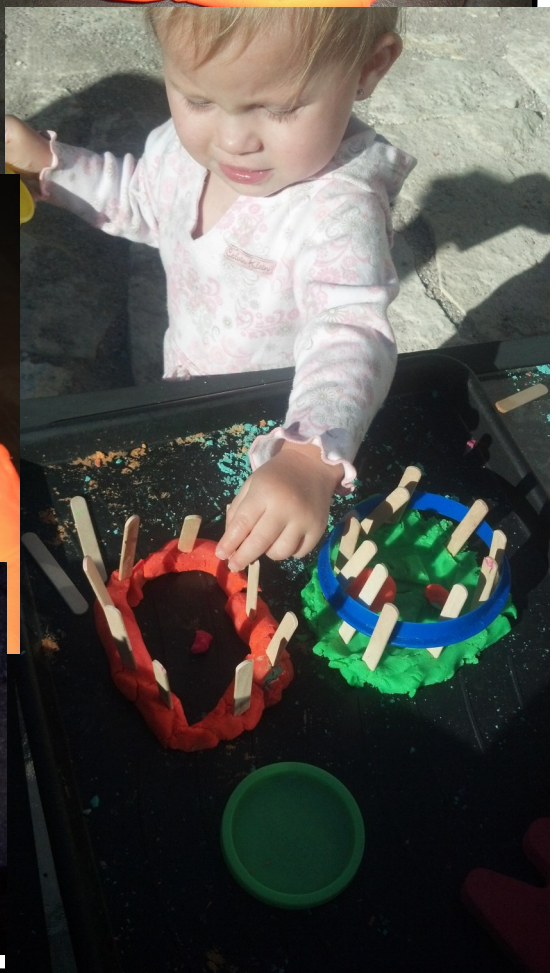
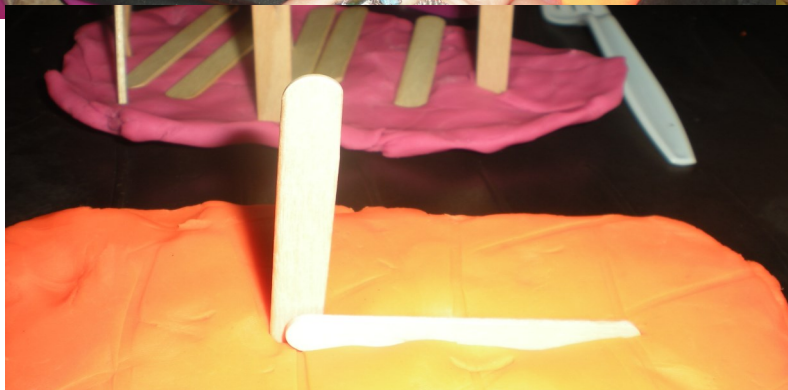
**Procedures:**

1. Have your child sit on an easily cleanable surface for this activity.
2. Give them one color of play dough. With your child, start flattening it out, rolling into balls, tear into pieces, and squishing it in your hands.
3. Now using the popsicle sticks, flatten out the play dough into a pancake. Press the letter "A" using the sticks into the dough. Say the letter and have your child repeat it. Do other letters (T, U, L, N, M, X, & Y are easy). Child can help.



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4. Let them explore and create with the popsicle sticks and play dough freely. Remind them to keep trying to create letters.

5. If you have the ABC Cookie Cutters, doing with them, make play dough letters. Have your child say the letter as they cut it out.

### **Milestones to meet:**

The child begins to recognize letters. The child can use fine-motor skills to explore and manipulate play dough; they can create letters using sticks in the dough. The child can recognize and say some letter names.

### **Evaluation:**

Did this lesson work for your child? Why or why not?