



Reindeer Antlers

Ages 2 years—3 years

Objective: The child will build early math skills by counting #1-10 & adding on the correct amount.

Materials needed:

Reindeer Antlers (printable) *Only #1-10

Procedures

1. Before hand, cut up the reindeer antlers individually.
2. Sit with your child at a table or on the floor.
3. One at a time, you are going to count the antlers with your child. Ask child: "Can you count with me?" Point to them as you count them.
4. Encourage your child to put the antlers on the reindeer's head. Count them as they do so.
5. Now use verbal directions to teach your child how many antlers you want to see on the reindeer at a time. Follow these verbal directions, slowly telling to your child—teach and guide as needed:
 - Can you put 1 antler on the reindeer?
 - Can you put 2 antlers on the reindeer?
 - Can you put all of the antlers on the reindeer?



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For extended learning: Have your child make a candy cane reindeer easily!

What you need: 1 candy cane, 1 brown pipe-cleaner and Google eyes and 1 red small pompom ball (these are all found in any craft section of any store such as Wal-Mart or Target).

How to make it: You are going to help your child twist tie and bend the brown pipe-cleaner to the top of the candy cane, like antlers. Glue the eyes to the front of the candy cane and the red "nose" directly below. Let dry completely! All done =)

Milestones to meet:

The child tries to repeat counting #1-10. The child shows a willingness to follow verbal directions.

Evaluation:

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