



# Tracing with Rice

## Ages 2 to 3 years

**Objective:** The child shows comprehension of letter-associations when using rice to trace them.

**Materials needed:**

Rice

White paper (as many pieces as there are letters in their name...or 1 piece for just the first letter in their name)

Glue

Large tray with sides

**Procedures:**

1. Using a large tray of its own, have your child sit with it on a table in front of them.
2. Write each letter of your child's name on a piece of white paper. Place the paper in front of your child. (you will have to do one letter at a time...or if you are crunched for time...you can just do the first letter of your child's name)
3. Put a small amount of rice in a bowl in front of them.



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4. Show them what you want them to do first, by modeling. You are basically making that letter in a rice outline. Using the glue to trace over the letter first, then take pinches of rice to sprinkle over the glue on each letter. Say each letter as you do this to teach its name.
5. Get them to do it with you. Have child repeat letters name, saying them with you to spell out their name while they put rice on each.
6. You can put glue on the letters outline and have them just place the rice on the glue, as a form of "tracing".
7. TA-DAH! We have rice letters! How fun!

### **Milestones to meet:**

The child uses fine-motor skills to "trace" the letters in their name with rice.

### **Evaluation:**

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