



# Cereal Stringing & Sorting

## Ages 3 years—4 years

**Objective:** The child can build math and fine-motor skills by sorting and stringing cereal to yarn.

**Materials needed:**

Fruit Loops Cereal

Yarn

Scotch Tape

**Procedures:**

1. Before hand, cut up a piece of yarn about 1 foot in length. Wrap a piece of tape at one end of the yarn, thick enough so the cereal doesn't fall off.
2. Put a handful of Fruit Loops Cereal on a plate.
3. Have child string the cereal pieces onto the yarn. They can make colored patterns if desired.
4. As they are stringing the cereal pieces, ask that colors name to your child.
5. After complete, tie to make an edible necklace.
6. Now take a handful of cereal; place on the table.
7. Help your child name the colors you see, then sort them into colored groups. Now count the amount of each color cereals you have per group.



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8. Go through and ask your child thinking questions; much like math problem solving. Such as asking child: "Can you point to the group of green cereals? Where is red? How many are there? Can you tell me how many red and green there are all together?"
9. Come up with other math problems for your child to think about and solve using the cereal colors.
10. They can eat their necklaces for snack! Only allow your child to eat these for snack if they are not allergic to them.

### **Milestones to meet:**

The child can count. The child can recognize their colors. The child uses fine-motor skills and is able to string cereal onto yarn. The child can sort colors into groups. The child can answer math problems.

### **Evaluation:**

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