

# Discover Shapes Hidden in the Salt Box

<https://www.giftofcuriosity.com/salt-box-discoveries/>

This activity stimulates the learning of shapes as well as enhances fine motor skills of toddlers and preschoolers. Start by creating shape pages that would fit inside your salt box. You can draw different shapes of varied size by hand or make a print version if you'd like. Then, place one card on the bottom of your box and cover it with salt (or sand) just enough to cover the shapes.



Next, give your toddler a paintbrush and encourage him or her to sweep the salt to see what he/she could find. As a child comes across a shape, talk about each one, identifying and describing the differences in shape or size of the shapes.



## Skills that children develop during this activity:

- Shape recognition
- Identifies differences in size
- Learns comparative words (larger, smaller)
- Color recognition
- Fine motor skills