



Colorful Duckling Patterns

Color a row of ducklings, find the pattern, and keep it going.

Helps Your Child Grow



Operations and Algebraic Thinking

Continuing the color sequence on the remaining ducklings helps your child notice and extend a simple repeating pattern.



Fine Motor

Coloring each small shape gives your child repeated practice controlling a drawing tool with coordinated hand and eye movements.

Steps

- Prepare two sheets with several rows of blank ducklings, such as a 4-by-4 grid, and a few colored pencils or markers.
- Each of you takes one sheet and begins coloring.
- Let your child color their ducklings however they like. On your sheet, color only the first row in a fixed pattern, such as alternating yellow and blue.
- When your child finishes their own picture, ask, “Could you finish my ducklings too? Look - mine go yellow, blue, yellow, blue.”
- As they work, ask, “What comes after yellow?” or offer a clue: “After blue, is yellow next?” Let your child continue the pattern.
- Place the finished duckling grids side by side and admire the two different creations.

Tips

- Let your child finish their own free creation before inviting them to continue your pattern. This keeps the discovery playful instead of turning it into a lesson too early.
- You can print a duckling grid or draw one yourself.

Observations

- Continues coloring the ducks in the pattern you started
- Colors in the duckling with a marker