

Arabic Hopscotch Game

I have just completed my newest Arabic learning material - a hopscotch game to learn the Arabic numbers. I know they already sell these on the market - but can't justify spending \$30 for them and they're not really a "necessity". I made these myself and the project will run you about \$15 or less to make them.

Need:

Number Templates (attached as part of this document)
10 Craft foam sheets (12x18) in different colors
Decorative foam shapes (used to make flower designs)
Tacky Glue (or any glue that works on craft foam sheets)
Thick Permanent Marker
Pencil

How to Make:

13. Print off the Arabic Number Templates on plain white paper.
14. Place the Arabic Number Template over a craft foam sheet. Taking the Permanent Marker, trace the letter – the color should bleed through the template onto the foam sheet. Then, finish coloring in the number on the craft foam sheet until it is all colored in. As an alternative, you can draw the letters free-hand onto the craft foam sheet.
15. To keep the mats in place during play, since I am using it on the rug - I applied a small strip of Velcro (the rough piece) - you can also find these at the craft store/Wal-Mart/etc., to help keep it from slipping when my daughter walks/jumps/hops on them. If you are going to put these on a hardwood floor/laminate floor/etc., I believe they sell tape that helps throw rugs stay in place - that would be what you would need. I am sure you could also use other materials to help it stick.

Hopscotch Game Uses:

Attached you will find photos so you can see what they ended up looking like.

- In one picture we used this to play hopscotch - we would yell out the numbers as we landed on them. I also put them in a straight line and allowed her to hop from one number to the next - announcing what number she was going to jump on next.
- Lay out the Arabic Hopscotch pieces in random order around the room - in any shape but within hopping or jumping distance from your child. You can also place them in numerical order if you prefer.
- The child steps from card to card clapping his hands or tapping his foot the number of times indicated on the card. My daughters really love this one.
- You could also put them around the floor in a fun design - spaced out within jumping distance to make it look more fun and interesting for the kids. For something interesting to do with these with a few kids (too many might not be good) - you could make more numbers than ten and then use it as a game board - the children are the game pieces.
- If I was teaching in a school - I would also be interested in using these as wall decorations as they look pretty nice and they are pretty big so everyone can see them. I am sure there is more that you can do with these.























