

Geometric Cabinet — Introduction

Base Sheet

Activity Sheet

Introduction to the Montessori geometric cabinet. The child explores the first drawer of 2D shapes: circle, square, and triangle, learning to see and feel the difference between straight and curved edges.

What You Need:

- Geometric cabinet (first drawer) or demonstration tray
- Shape cards for matching
- Work mat

Steps:

1. Present the first drawer of the geometric cabinet (demonstration tray with circle, square, triangle).
2. Remove the circle. Trace the edge with two fingers. 'A circle has a curved edge that goes around and around.'
3. Remove the square. Trace. 'A square has four straight edges and four corners.'
4. Remove the triangle. Trace. 'A triangle has three straight sides and three corners.'
5. Three-period lesson.
6. Match to the shape cards.

Work Space:



