



Patterning Tips

- * Demonstrate what a pattern is, and look for them in the environment (clothing stripes, carpet shapes, how children are sitting in a row, etc.)
- * Use a slow, repetitive sing-song voice when reading a pattern: "Blue and green, blue and green, blue and green..."
- * Begin with basic patterns, and then expand as child masters each one:
ABAB ABCABC AABB AABAAB AABBC AABBC
- * Have children make their own pattern, and ask peers to copy it
- * Have peers work in pairs to check each others' work.
- * Encourage children to sing their pattern as they work and review it
- * Use the pattern template above to make a model pattern on the first line, then have the kids practice imitating it on the following two lines. They can then invent their own pattern on the first line, and pass the sheet to a peer to imitate!

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