

# Brain Flakes Interlocking Plastic Discs

## DESCRIPTION:

Small colorful plastic discs that click together

Best for ages 5 +

## MIX & MATCH:

Add small animals or figures for dramatic play

## Skills:

- Spatial thinking
- Building
- Fine motor
- Language development
- Cooperative Play



*Vocabulary*

*Design*

*Interchangeable*

*Interlocking*

*Clicking*

*Discs*

*Connecting*

*Building*

*Snapping*

## What are ways to introduce toy?

Tip #1

### Prepare a few examples:

Create a few models/examples to show children how to create objects with interlocking plastic discs.

Tip #2

### Plan building with child:

Ask children what they want to build. If they need help thinking of something, ask them about their favorite toy, book, activities, TV shows and think about objects that could be created.

Tip #3

### Show children how pieces connect:

Demonstrate how pieces can be connected to each other and invite children to explore pieces and connect them together to create something.

## What are some questions and ways to support children's language during play?

Tip #1

### Ask questions

"What would you like to build? What colors do you want to use to build your (child's idea)? Do you need help planning how to build (child's idea)?"

Tip #2

### Build on what they are saying

"I see you are building a (child's idea), can we expand it and make it bigger/more detailed?"

Tip #3

### Play and model language

Model how to 'think aloud' while playing.... "I want to build a tree, what colors might I use? How can I make the trunk strong to hold the branches and leaves?"