

Rocket Ship Clothespin Counting



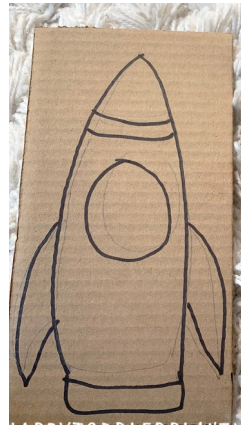
What you will need:

- Cardboard box
- Scissors **
- Markers or paint
- Clothespins

Use caution with scissors or sharps around children, do the cutting for them if necessary

Directions:

1. Cut out 5 rectangles from the cardboard box, slightly bigger than the size of your cell phone.
2. Draw a rocketship on each cardboard
3. Write the numbers 1-5 in the center of the rocket ships
4. Paint or color in the rocket ships
5. Color or paint the clothespins red/yellow/orange to represent the fire from the rocket ship as it blasts off
6. Place the correct number of clothespins on each rocket ship



Ways to increase difficulty:

- Have your child draw the rocket ship on their own
- Encourage your child to pinch the clothespins with their non-dominant hand
- Increase the amount of rocket ships you create, and use higher numbers on them (i.e. 1-10).

Ways to decrease difficulty:

- Draw an outline of the rocket ships for your child, instead of having them draw it independently
- Count the clothespins with your child as they place them on the rocket ship
- Hold the cardboard and allow your child to use two hands to pinch the clothespins and place them on the rocket ship

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