



# ABC's at Home with Me Literacy Kit Instructions

## Materials Needed:

- ABC's at Home with Me Kit:
- Printed instruction sheet
- Printed Labels or paper
- Printed parent/provider instruction sheet
- Box or plastic container to hold kit contents

## ABC's at Home with Me Kit

### Contents:

- Blunt tipped scissors
- Yarn
- Writing paper
- Glue stick
- Tissue paper
- Envelopes
- Ruler
- Crayons
- Washable markers
- ABC chart
- Construction paper
- Pencils

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## Instructions:

The ABC's at Home with Me Family Literacy Tool Kit includes basic items to support emergent literacy development within the family environment. Below are instructions on how to assemble the family tool kit.

1. Decide what will hold the kit (box, plastic container, etc.)



2. Print out the kit labels and parent/provider instruction sheet on either labels or pieces of paper. You can print the labels on actual large labels or just use plain sheets of paper and then tape them on to the outside of the container and the inside lid.





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### Fill it up:

Fill the container with the following supplies:

- ◆ One pair of blunt tipped scissors
- ◆ Several long pieces of yarn
- ◆ Several sheets of writing paper
- ◆ One glue stick
- ◆ Several envelopes
- ◆ One ruler
- ◆ One box of crayons
- ◆ One box of washable markers
- ◆ ABC chart
- ◆ Several sheets of construction paper
- ◆ Two sharpened pencils



### What to do:

These kits can be offered for parents to take home and use with their children or put together to use in an early childhood setting.

Use the parent/provider booklet for ideas on how to use the items in the kit to support early literacy development and some information for parents about why early literacy development is important!

### Helpful Tips and Hints:

- ⇒ Stock up on literacy kit items during back to school sales! You can usually find markers, crayons, paper and more on sale at great prices!
- ⇒ Keep the literacy kit in a place where children can use it anytime! The literacy kit is a great idea for a free time activity or to send home with parents.
- ⇒ Use the literacy kit when you go on trips or are places for a long period of time. They keep children engaged and help with school readiness.



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## ABC's at Home with Me

### Why It's Important:

We used to think that children begin to learn to read and write when they start kindergarten.

We know now that children actually start learning these skills long before they start school.

Looking at books and reading together are some of the best ways to help children become readers and writers. But, they aren't the only ways to help young children learn. There are many fun activities that can be done every day that will help them develop the skills they need when they start school.

As your child's first and most important teacher, the small things you do every day will make a big difference

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### About the kit:

ABC's at Home with Me is a special kit designed just for you and your preschooler. Keep it in a place where you child can easily get to it, or bring it out every day.

The items inside will help your child get ready to read and write before he or she starts school. Here are some ideas to get you started, but please don't stop there! Follow your child's lead and have fun!

### Blunt tipped scissors:

- ◆ Practice using scissors to cut out shapes, letters, or coupons from newspapers, junk mail or paper.
- ◆ Make large letters on grocery bags and practice cutting them out.
- ◆ Cut out different shaped scrapes of paper and glue them together to make a design.

### Yarn:

- ◆ Glue on paper to make designs. Try making the letters of her name.
- ◆ Use yarn for hair for sock puppets or on drawings.
- ◆ Measure the length of different things in your home like shoes, boxes, or doorways.
- ◆ Make holes in cards or paper and lace the yarn through.
- ◆ String the yarn with noodles or beads.
- ◆ Make a trail to follow through the house.

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### Paper and Envelopes:

- ◆ Practice writing letters and numbers.
- ◆ Write his first and last name and have him copy it.
- ◆ Have him tell you a story and write it down for him. Ask him to draw a picture when he's done.
- ◆ Draw or pain pictures.
- ◆ Mail letters, play post office, make cards.

### Glue Stick:

- ◆ Write letters or words with the glue stick and then sprinkle with sand or glitter.
- ◆ Glue magazine or newspaper pictures to make a collage.
- ◆ Cut out the first letter of her first name and glue items you find around the house that begin with that letter.

### Tissue Paper:

- ◆ Tear apart and glue on paper to make a collage.
- ◆ Roll small squares into balls and glue on paper to make pictures.
- ◆ Paint it with watercolors.
- ◆ Trace over letters from food labels and box tops.

### Ruler:

- ◆ Draw straight lines or make shapes.
- ◆ Measure the size of letters.
- ◆ Measure things around your house.

### Crayons, Pencils and Makers

- ◆ Color, draw and write.
- ◆ Rub crayons over paper that is placed on top of leaves.
- ◆ Trace around both of your hands. Talk about the things that are the same and different.

### ABC Chart:

- ◆ Point out letters, especially ones that are in her name.
- ◆ Trace the shapes with her fingers.
- ◆ Copy letter shapes.





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