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In a creative and bright way, *Color Zoo*, introduces a range of shapes through abstractly formed animal heads..

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**Interest Level:**  
Infant to Kindergarten

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**Related Books:** *Color Farm* by Lois Ehlert;  
*Perfect Square* by Michael Hall

# Color Zoo

**What Shapes would you use to make a turtle?**

**Math Connections:**

Shapes

Classification

Geometry

Transforming Shapes

Counting

**Activities to Do Together:**

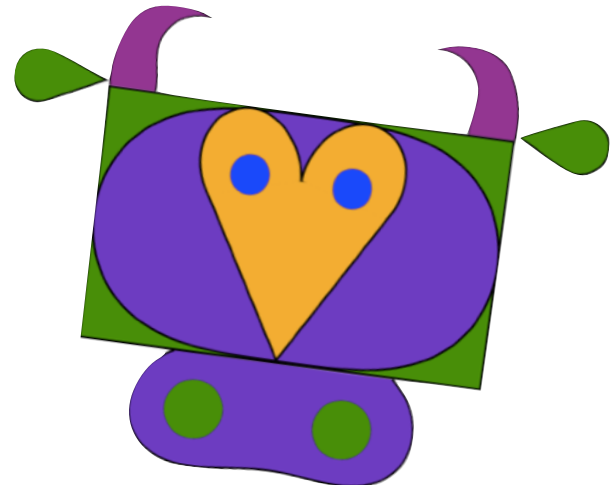
- Take a walk and talk about the shapes you see. What shapes do you see in different objects? For example, a street sign may be made of rectangles, ovals, octagons, and squares.
- Write 10 different shape names on sticky notes. Find the 10 shapes and label them with their shape name.
- Ask your child to recall and draw the shapes they saw throughout the book. Cut out the shapes and group them by attribute. Ask your child to tell you how they grouped the shapes.

**Extension Questions:**

1. Where do you see shapes during the day? What types of shapes have you noticed in every day objects?
2. Look at the ox, if the shapes were arranged differently would it still be an ox? What other shapes could you use to make an ox? What other shapes could you use to make a lion and a monkey?

**Vocabulary for Building Math Concepts:**

circle, diamond, heart,  
hexagon, octagon,  
oval, rectangle,  
square, triangle



**Early Math Project Resources:**

[Animal Faces](#) (English)

[Caras de Animales](#) (Spanish)

[Giant Animal Faces](#) (English)

[Caras de Animales Gigantes](#)(Spanish)

[Shape Scavenger Hunt](#) (English)

Shape Scavenger Hunt (Spanish)

[Yarn Shapes](#) (English)

Yarn Shapes (Spanish)

**Online Resources:**

[Shape Classification Activity](#) (Activity to explore classifying shapes and identification)

