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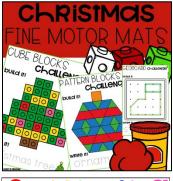
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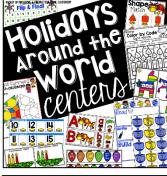
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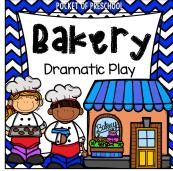












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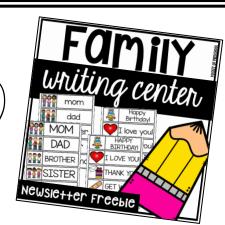






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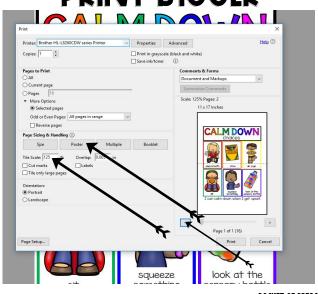
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### Christmas tree cutting craftivity?

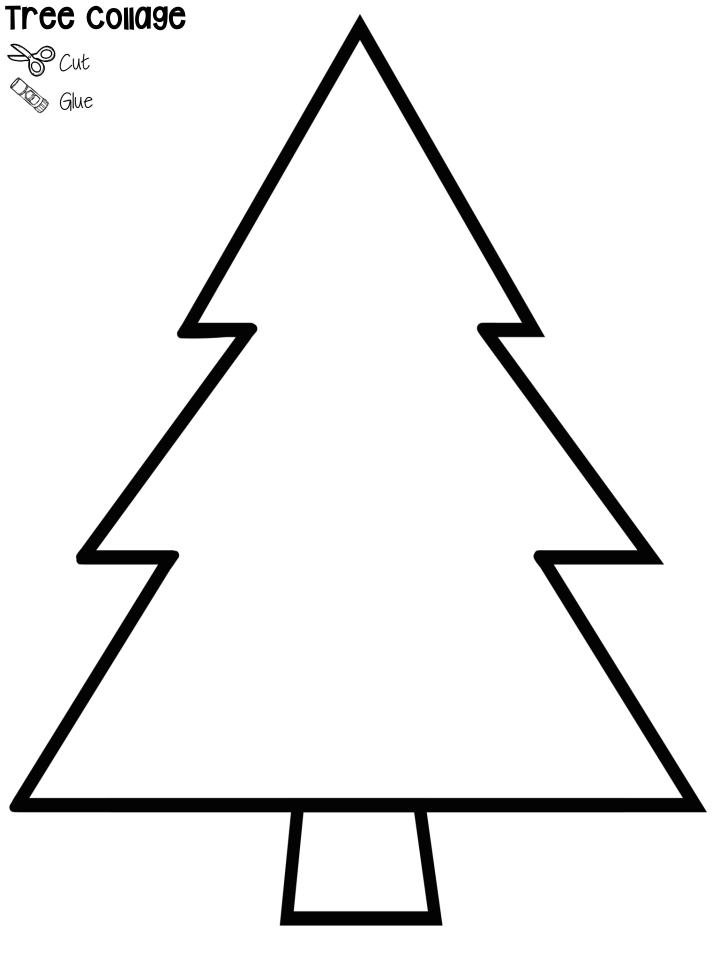
Develop scissor skills and fine motor strength with this craftivity.

Print on white or colored paper. The teacher can cut out the tree, or for extra scissor skills practice, students can cut out the tree.

There are many ways you can make this fine motor craft.

- Cutting Paper Strips: Cut plain or patterned scrapbook paper into half inch strips. Students cut the strips and glue to the tree to create the collage.
- Tape: Cut pieces of different patterns of washi tape and tape it to the tree to create the collage.
- Torn Paper: Tear paper to create a torn paper collage.





### fine motor feelings mats

Practice using feeling vocabulary and exploring what feelings look like and build fine motor muscles at the same time with these feeling mats!

#### How to Use the Mats:

Pick a card and create the feeling face on the reindeer.

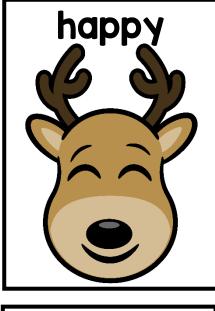
Color: Just print and laminate the mats and cards.

Black and White: Print and use as a worksheet or print on colored paper and laminate.

#### Manipulative Options:

- Playdough Mats: Students use playdough to create various feeling faces on the feeling mat.
- Tiny Treasures (Loose Parts): Place a tray of tiny treasures out, and students create the feeling face with the tiny treasures. Tiny Treasure ideas: googly eyes, pom poms, cut-up pipe cleaners, themed mini erasers, or other small themed manipulatives.
- Dry Erase Mats: Place in a page protector or dry erase sleeve. Students draw the feeling faces with dry erase markers.
- Worksheet: Use markers or crayons to create a feeling face. Glue the feeling card on the worksheet.







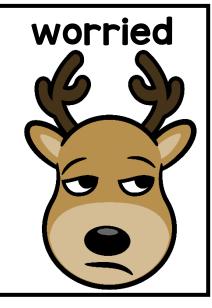




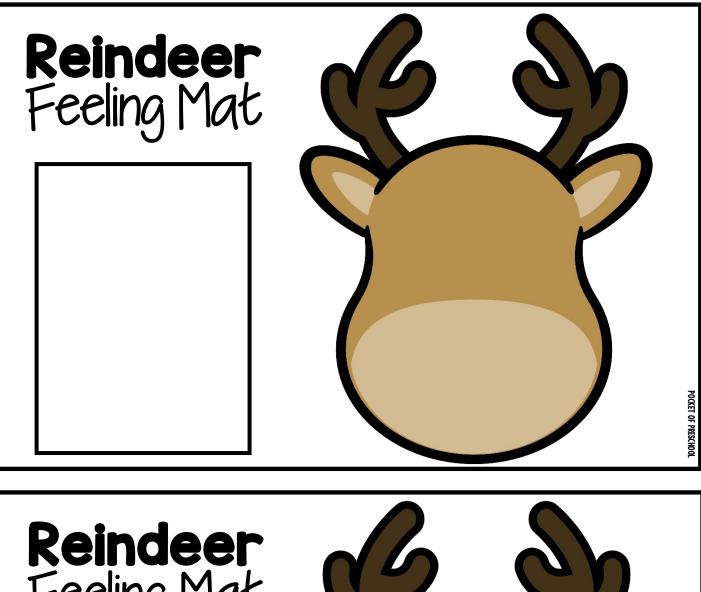


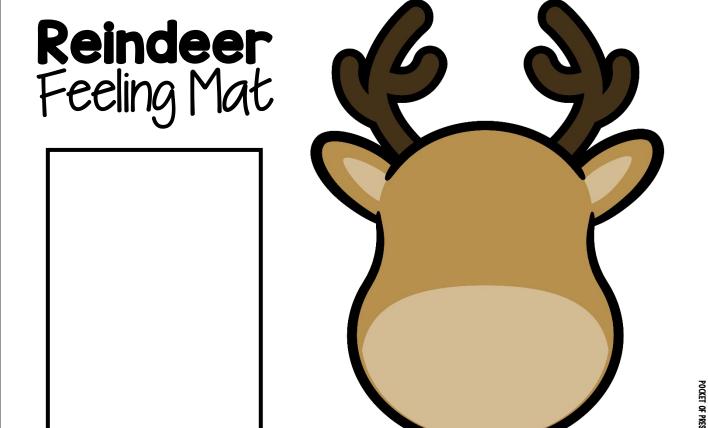


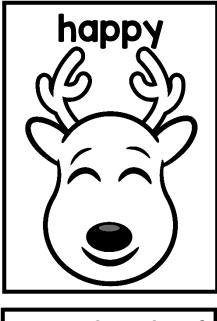


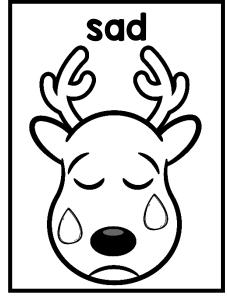


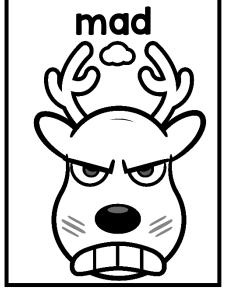


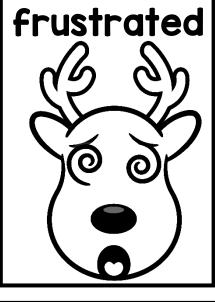


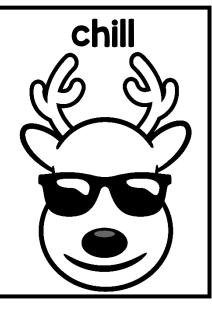


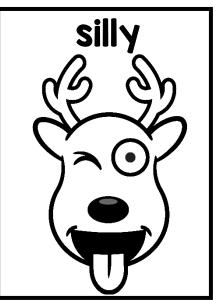


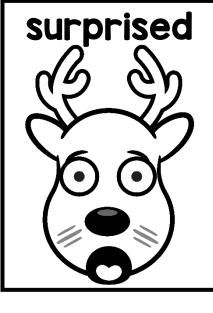


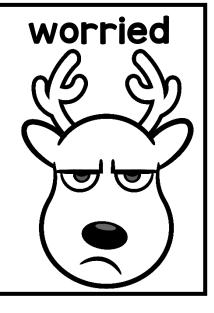


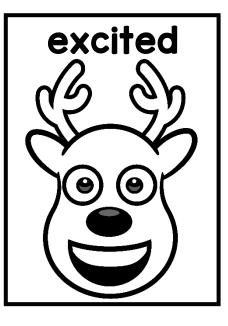


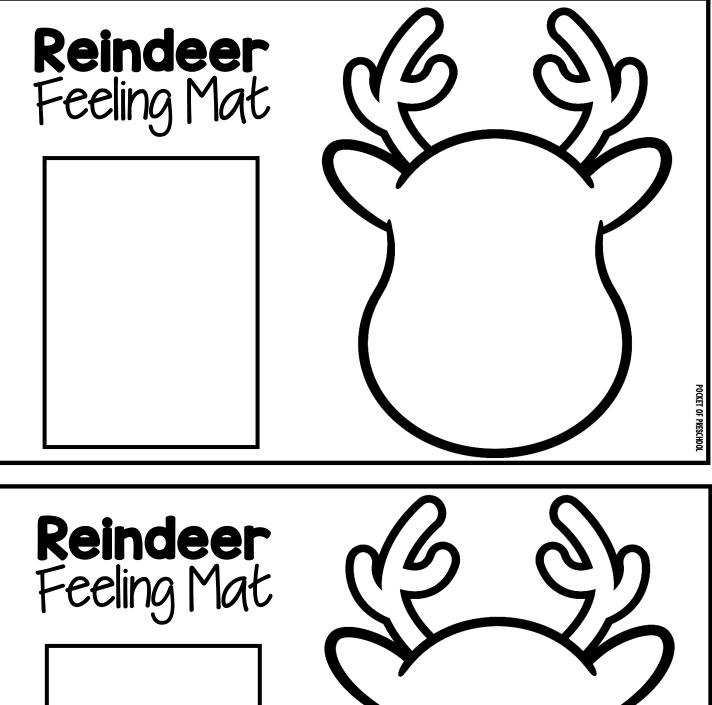


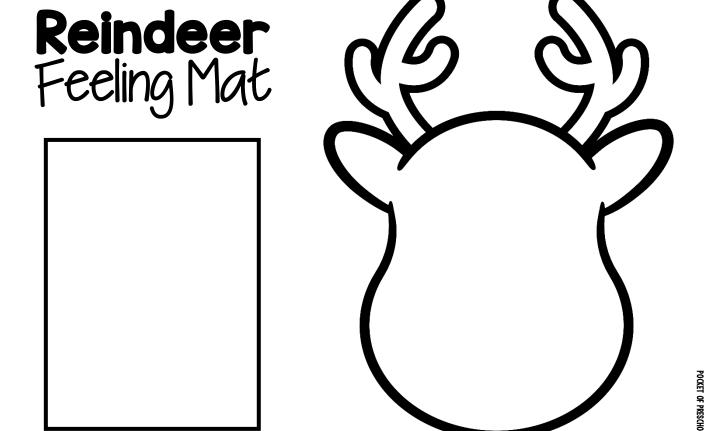










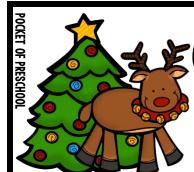


### Word Cards

The activities you can do with word cards are endless! Here are a few things I do with them:

- Post the cards in a pocket chart with the included writing paper in the writing center.
- · Build the word with magnet letters.
- Build the word with letter manipulatives (letter beads, letter Legos, clothespin letters, etc.).
- Write the words on included themed writing paper.
- · Write the words in shaving cream.
- Write the words in a salt/sand tray.
- Write the words on a dry erase board.
- Write the words on a chalkboard. Click <u>HERE</u> to see how to make your own student chalkboards.
- Make the words using stickers.
- Stamp the words in play dough.
- Post the words around the classroom for write the room.
- Hole punch the cards and put on a metal ring for students to use in their writing.
- Sort the words by number of letters.





### Christmase Words





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candy cane



# stocking



fireplace



sleigh



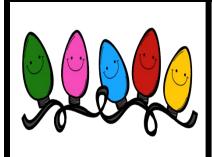
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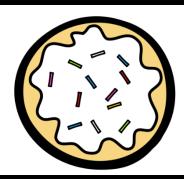
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### SANTA



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# STOCKING



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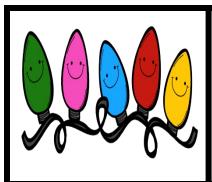
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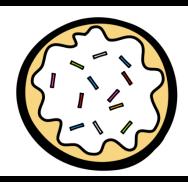
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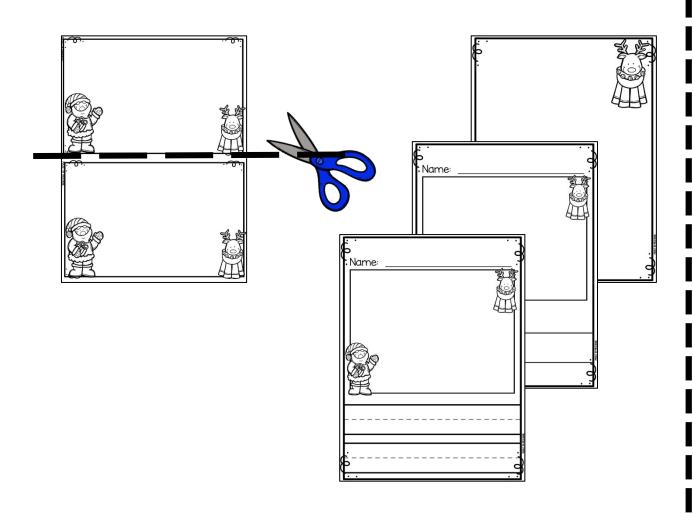
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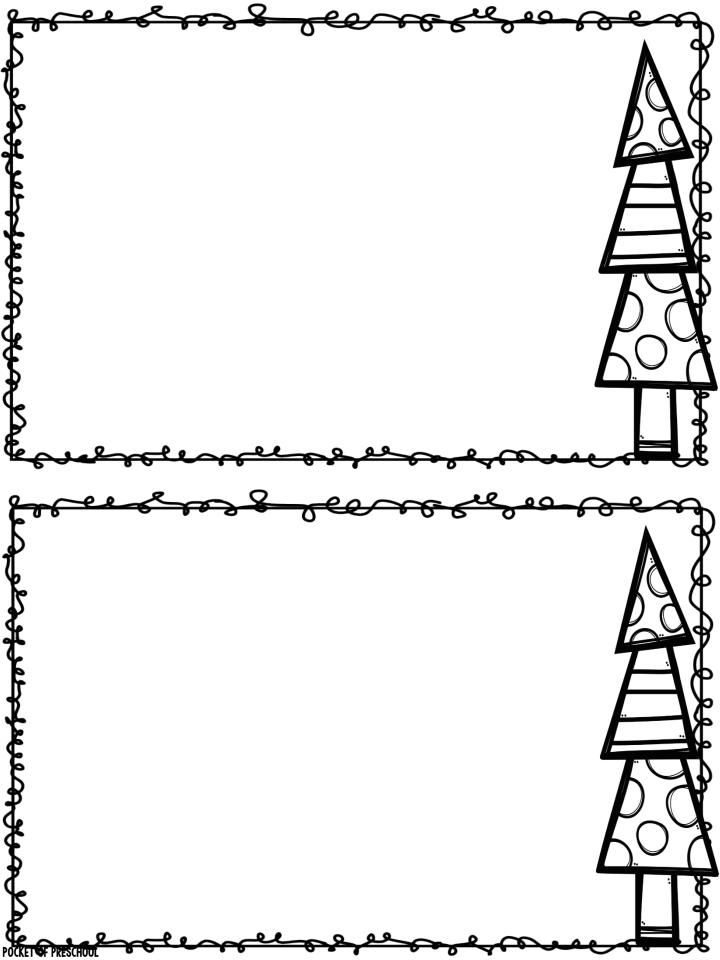
### Writing & Journal paper

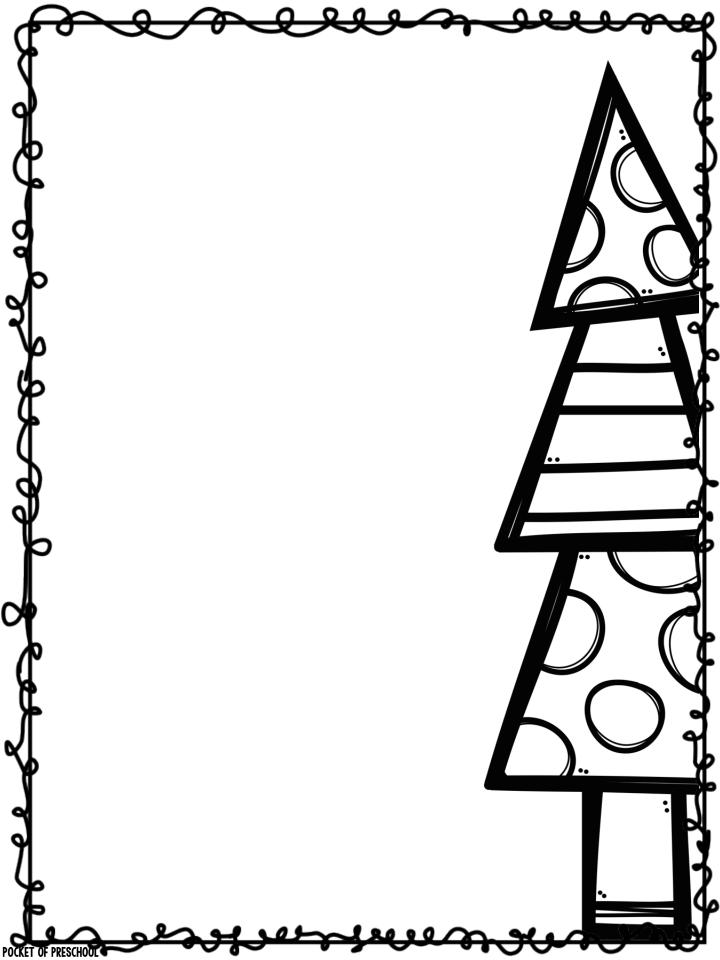
Place the writing paper in the library, writing, journal, or word work center.

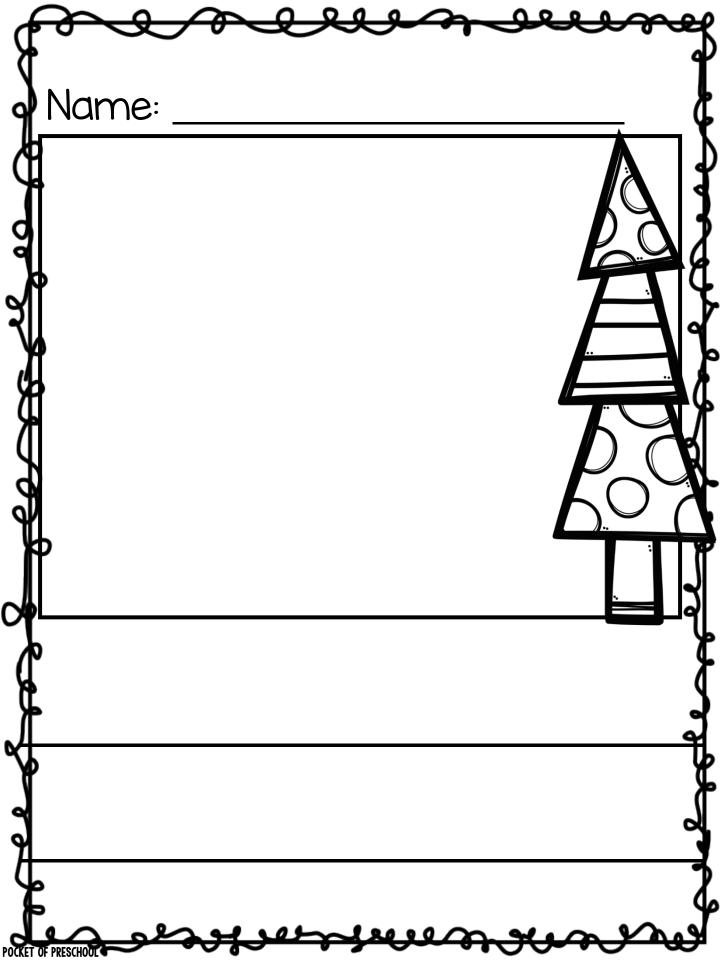
There are pages that are blank and some with lines. The pages that are blank can be cut in half if you would like to have half-sheet writing pages.

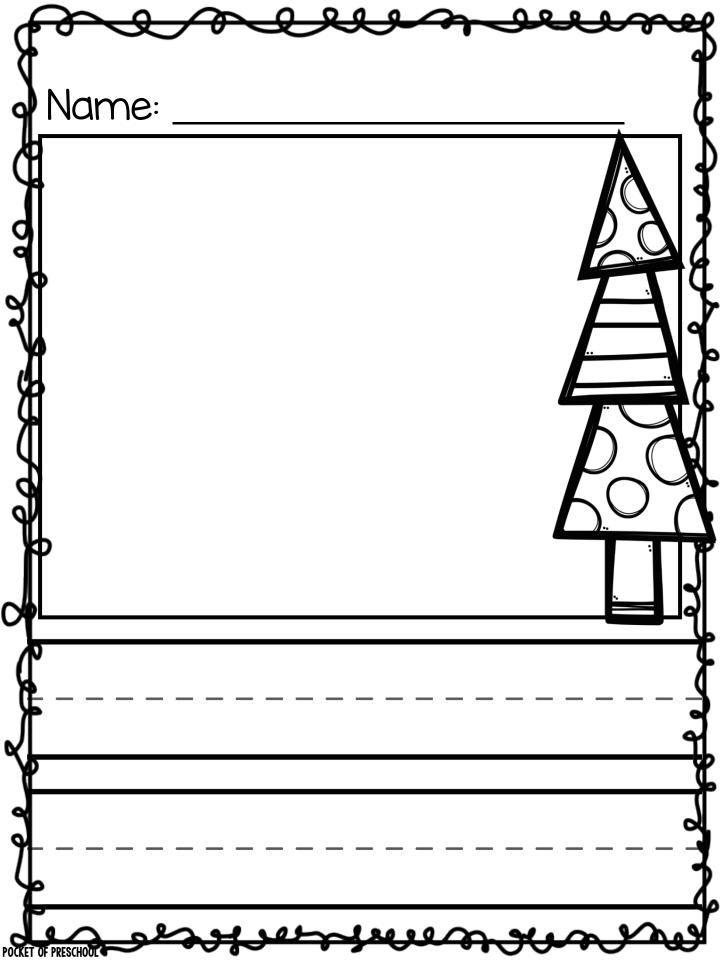
For added fun, print them on colored paper!



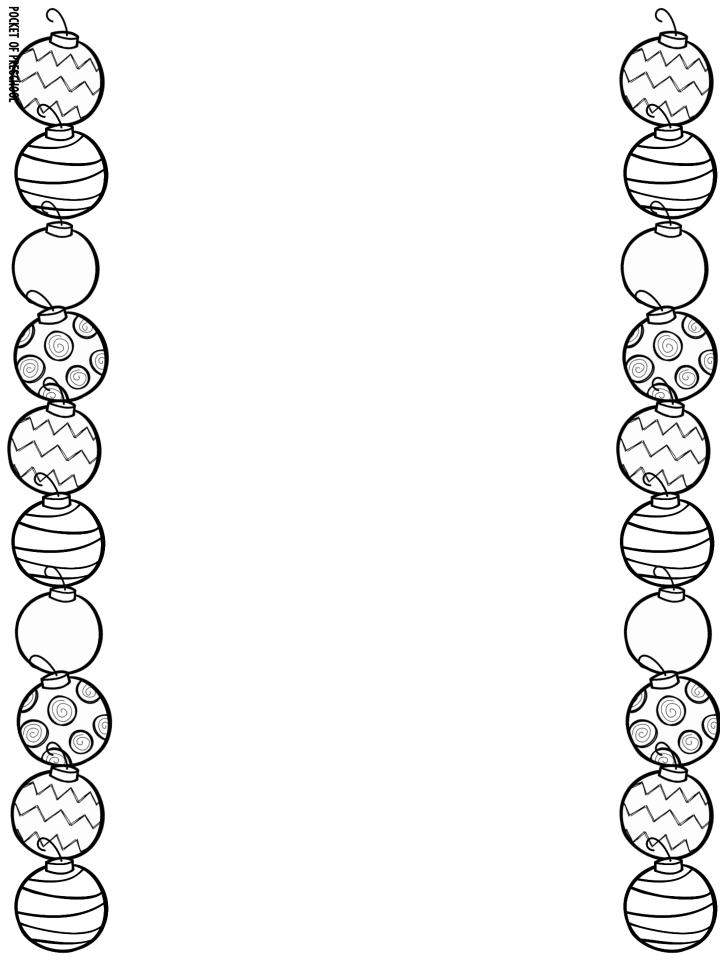


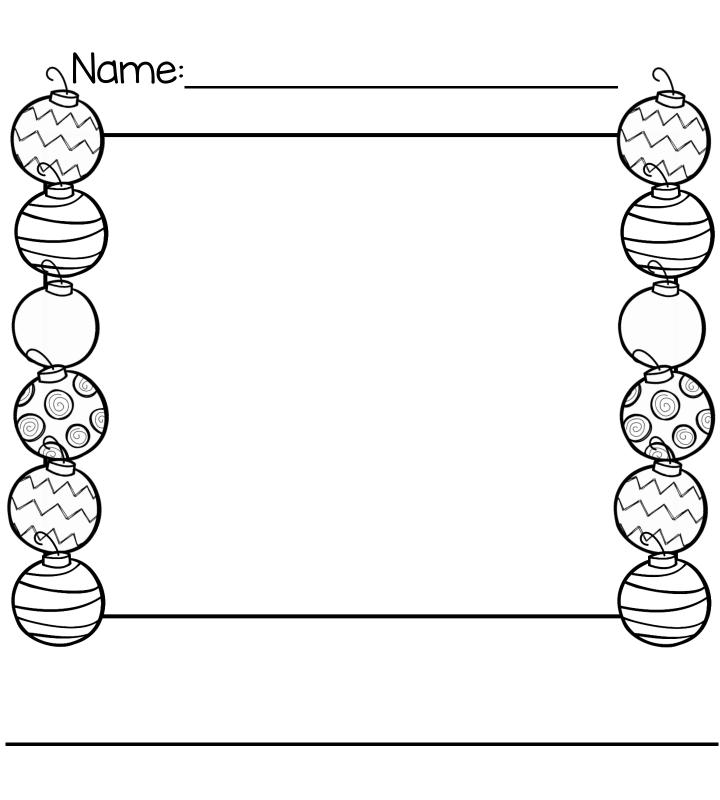


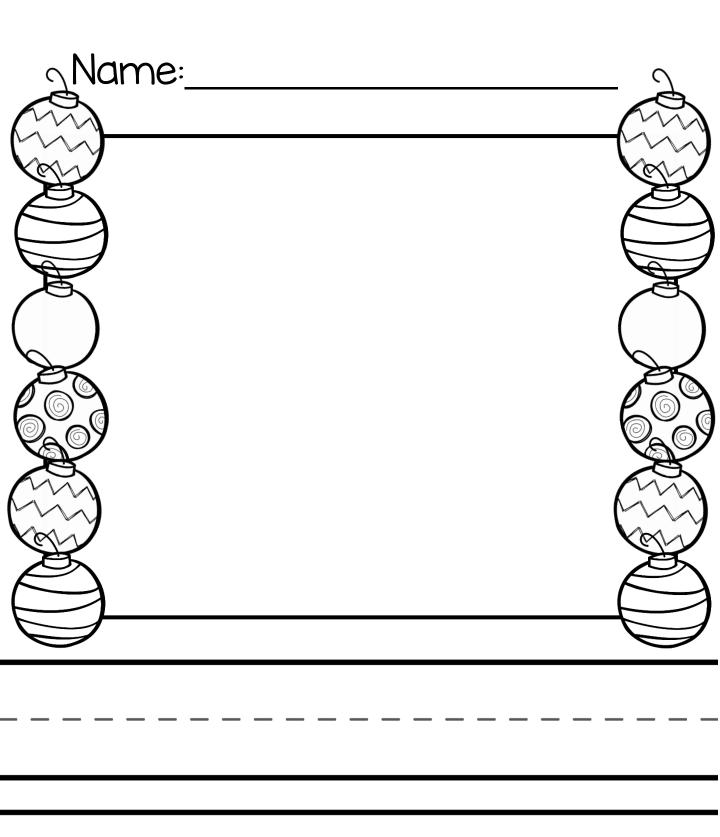


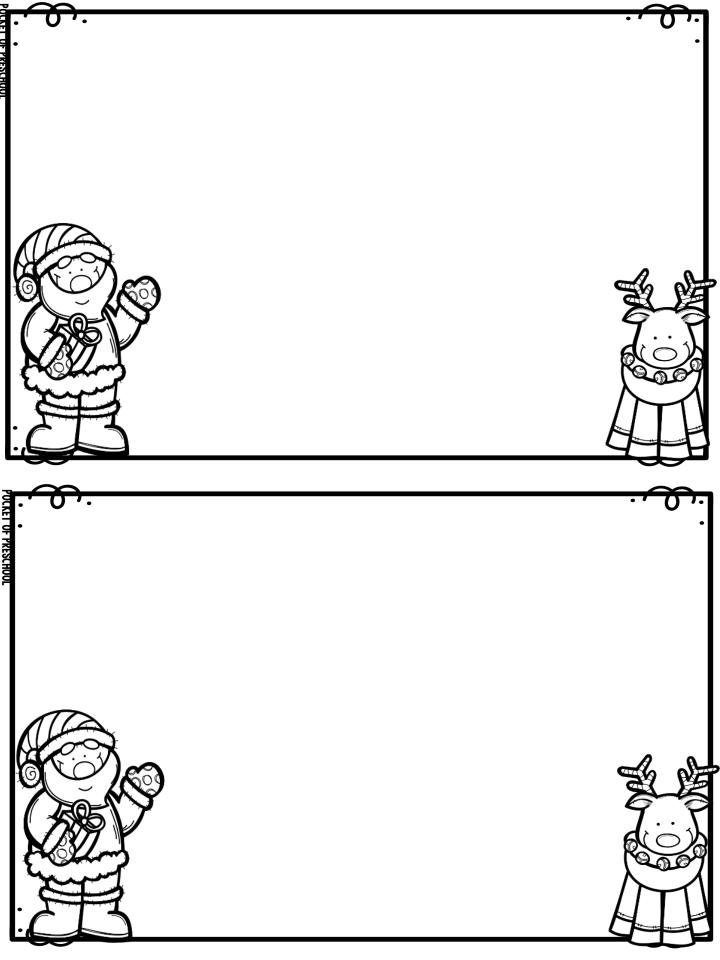


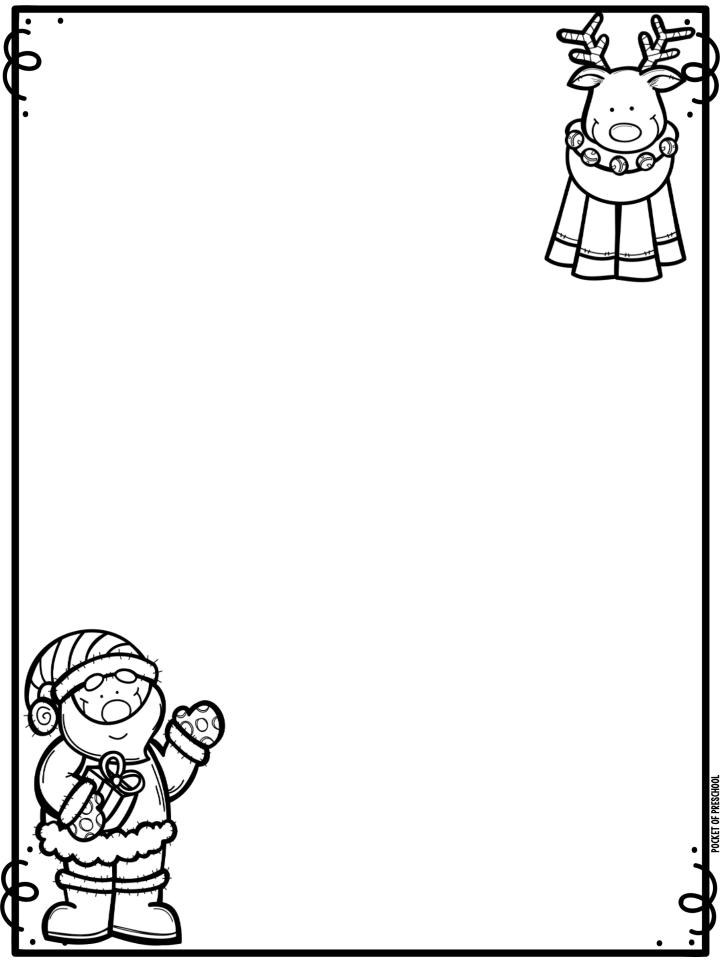


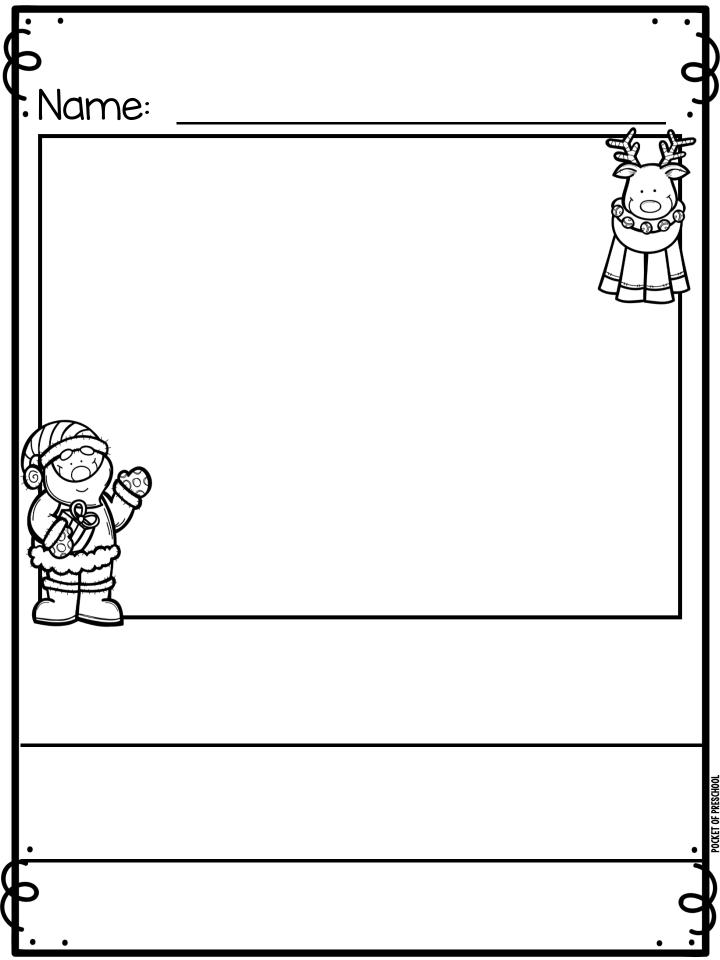


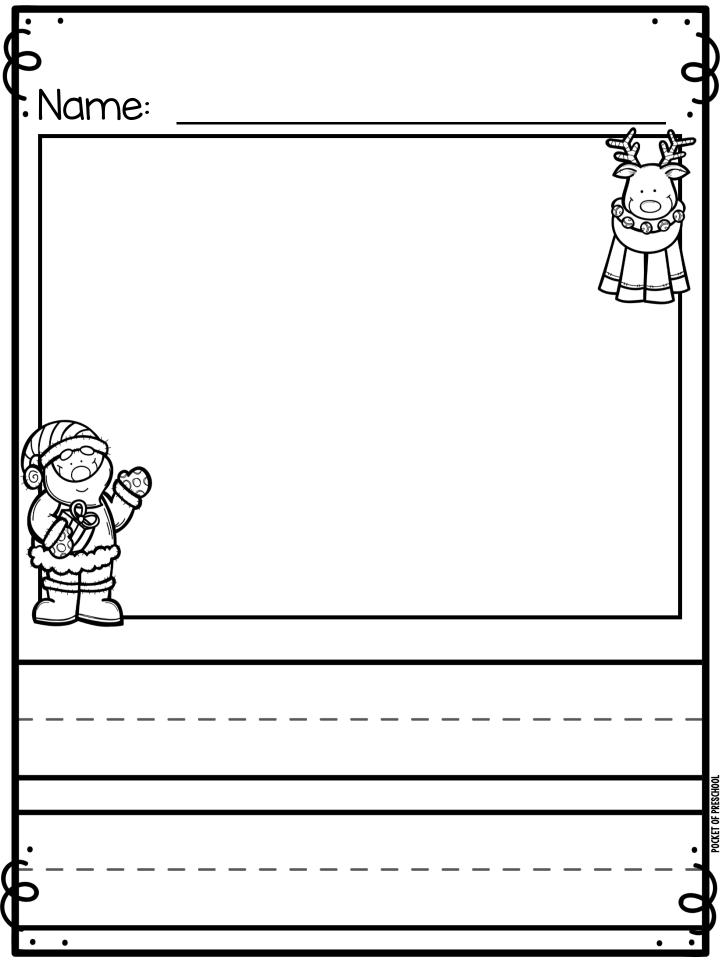












### Santa letter and card station

Create a Christmas Card Making Station or center in your classroom! Students can write and draw for an authentic reason... Christmas!

Place the Santa's Mailbox sign on a box in the center so students can "send" letters and cards to Santa!

Here are some ideas of things you can add:

- Santa letter pages (copy on colored paper)
- Christmas writing paper (copy onto colored paper)
- Christmas word cards and phrases
- Trees to cut out (copied onto green paper)
- Post "What Cards Need" (included) for students to use as a reference
- Stamps (print and cut apart)
- Envelopes
- Blank cards (paper folded in half)
- · Markers, crayons, scissors, & glue
- Stickers
- List or name cards of students in the class















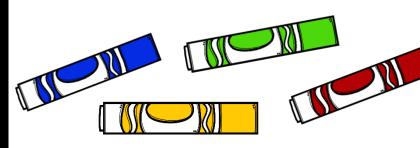


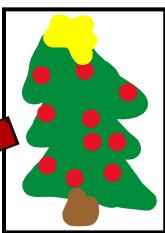
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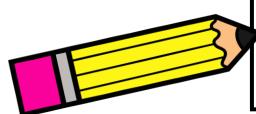
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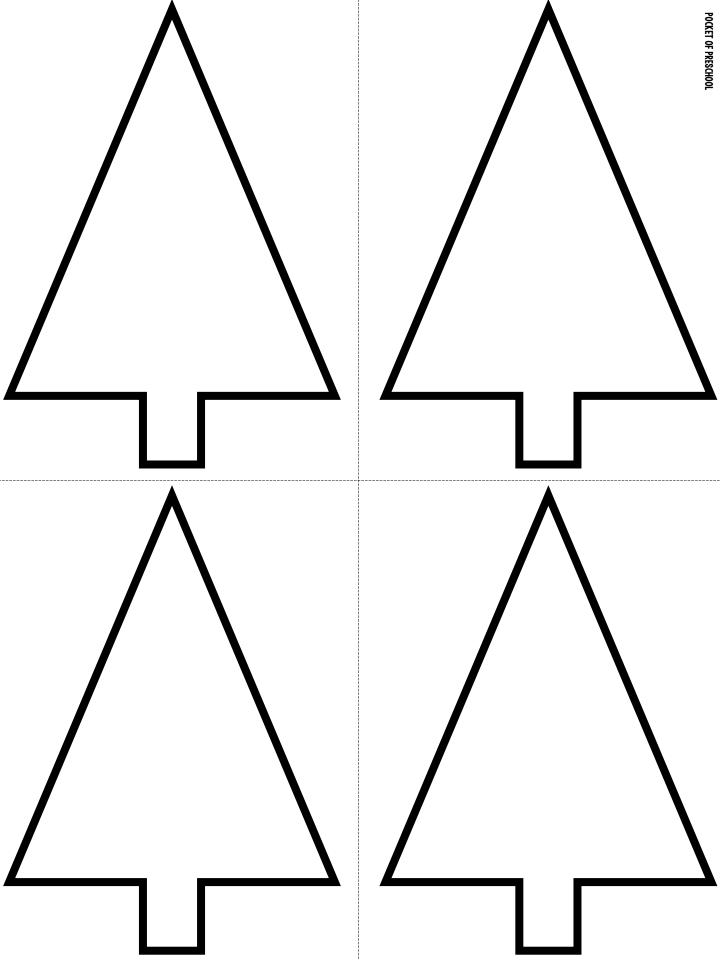
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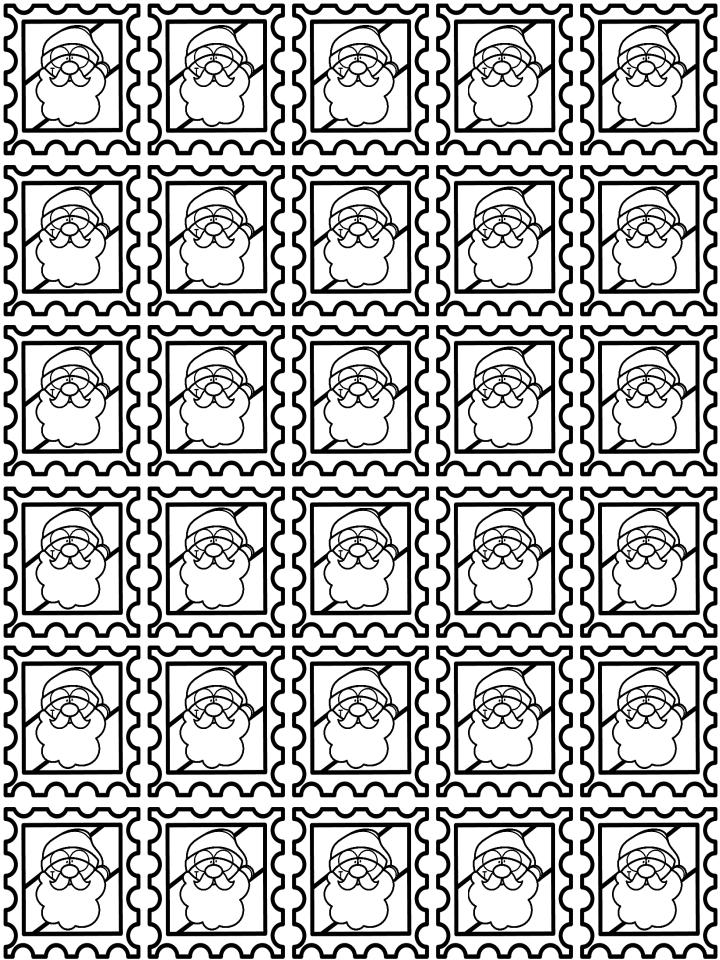












## light letters & sight words

The activities you can do with Christmas Light letters and sight word cards are endless! There is a blank word card page for you to write your own sight words or student names on.

- Line up the letters in ABC order.
- •Match just the uppercase letters.
- Match the uppercase and lowercase letters.
- •Build Friends' names.
- •Build sight words.
- •Build vocabulary words using the included word cards.
- •Write letters or words in a writing tray. Coat the bottom of a tray with salt, rice, glitter, and/or sprinkles.
- •Put the letters in a sensory tub for students to pick the letter cards from then match or build the word.

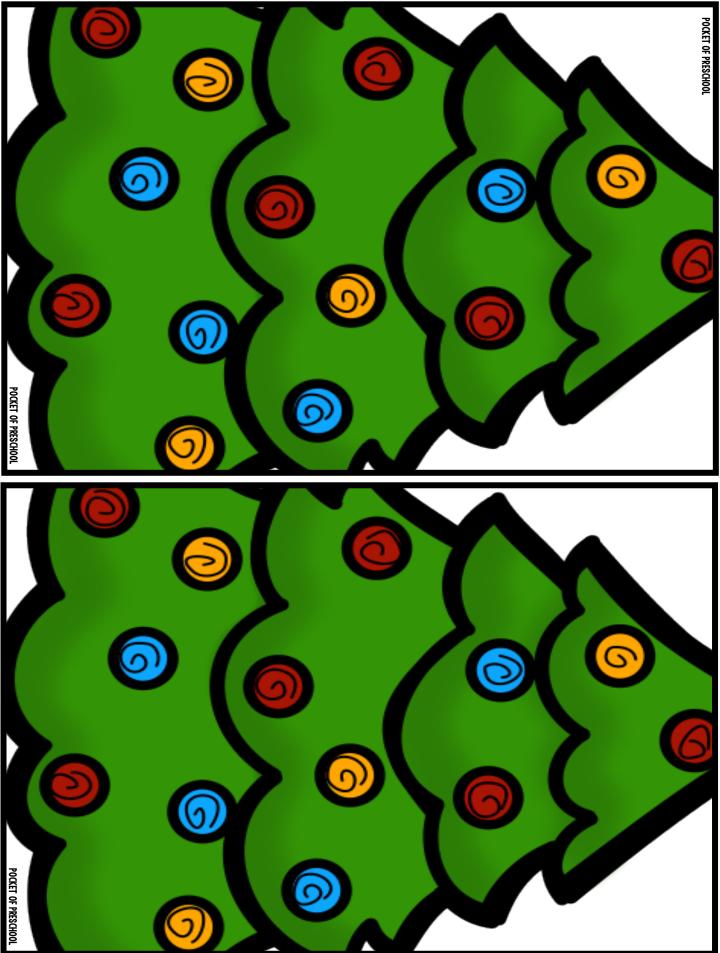
Use clothespins and pin the lights to a ribbon for added fun and fine motor work!

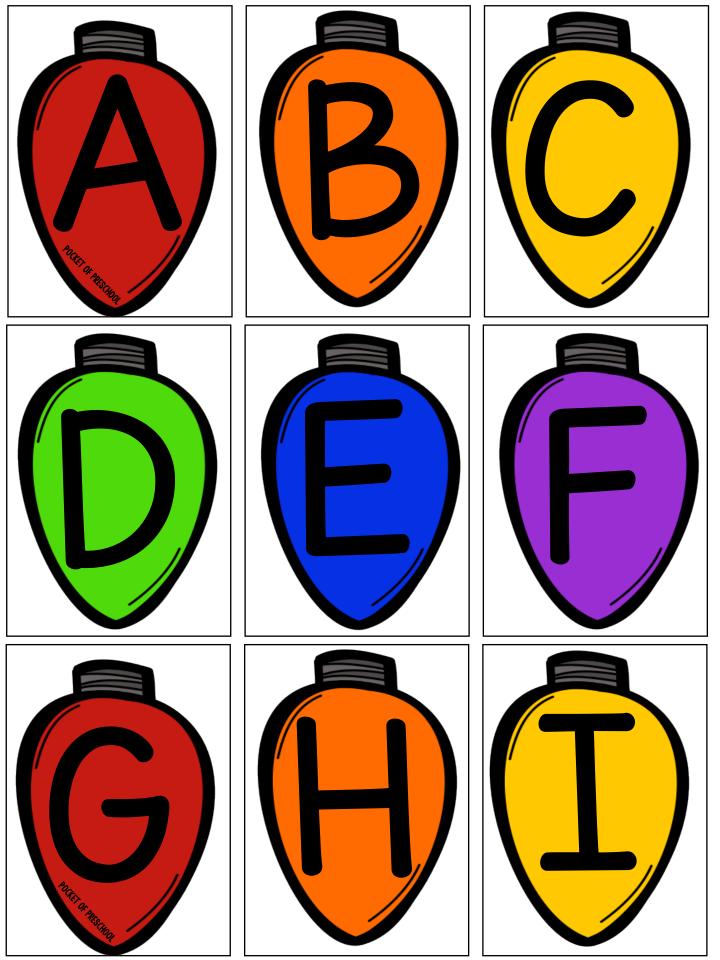


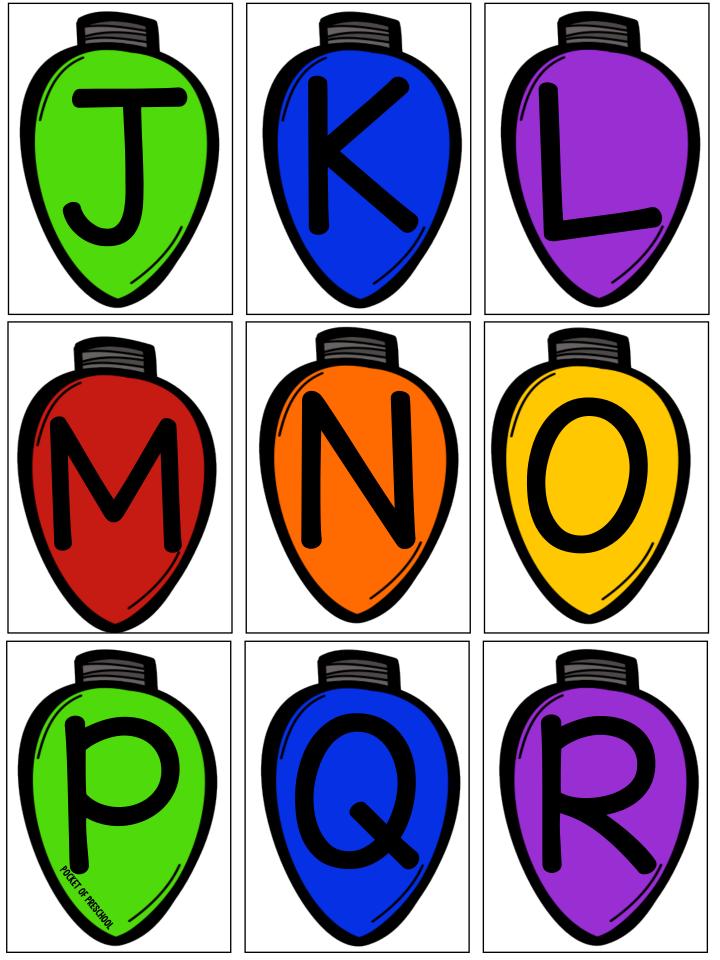


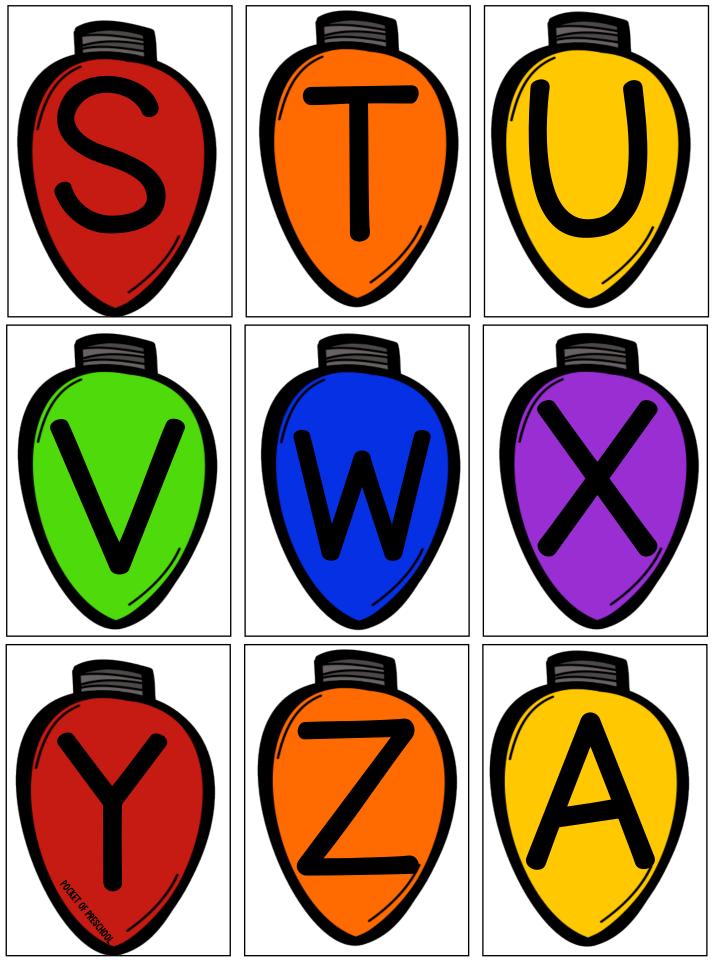


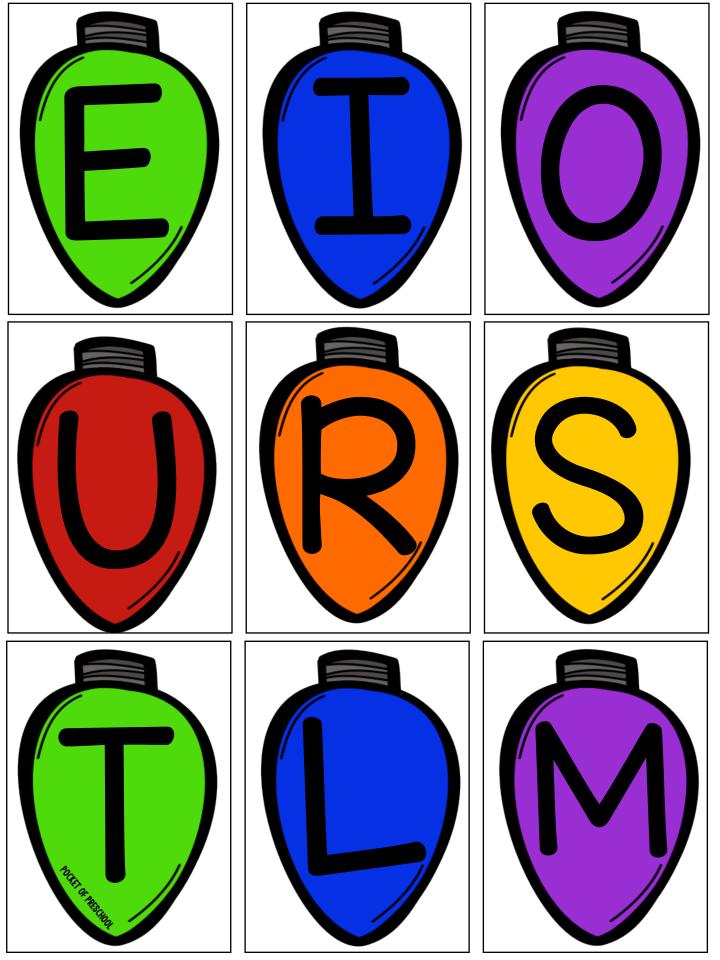


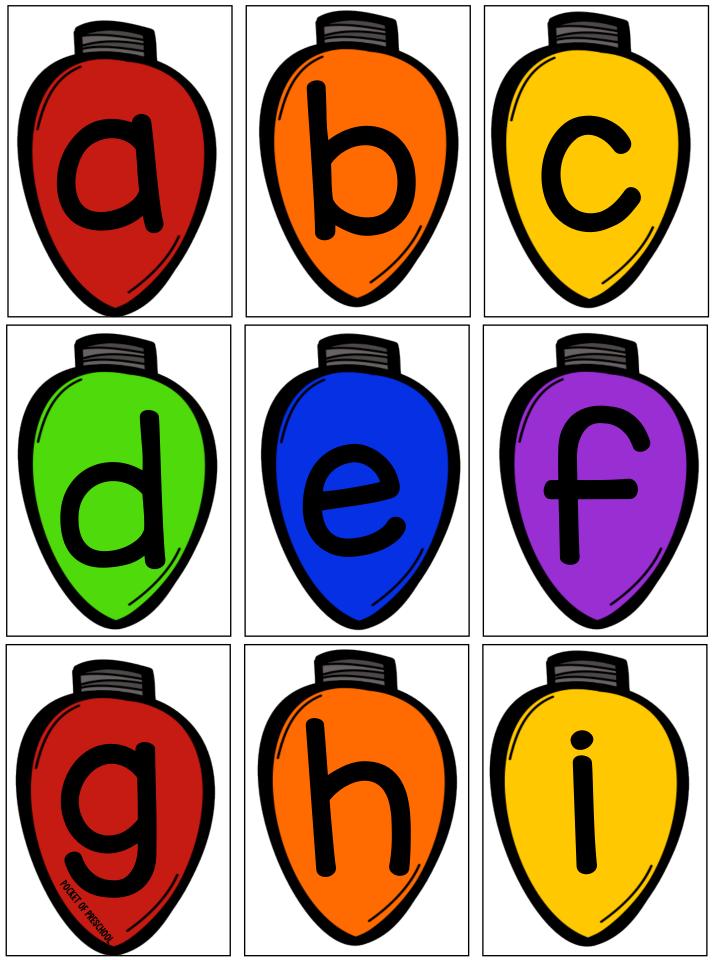


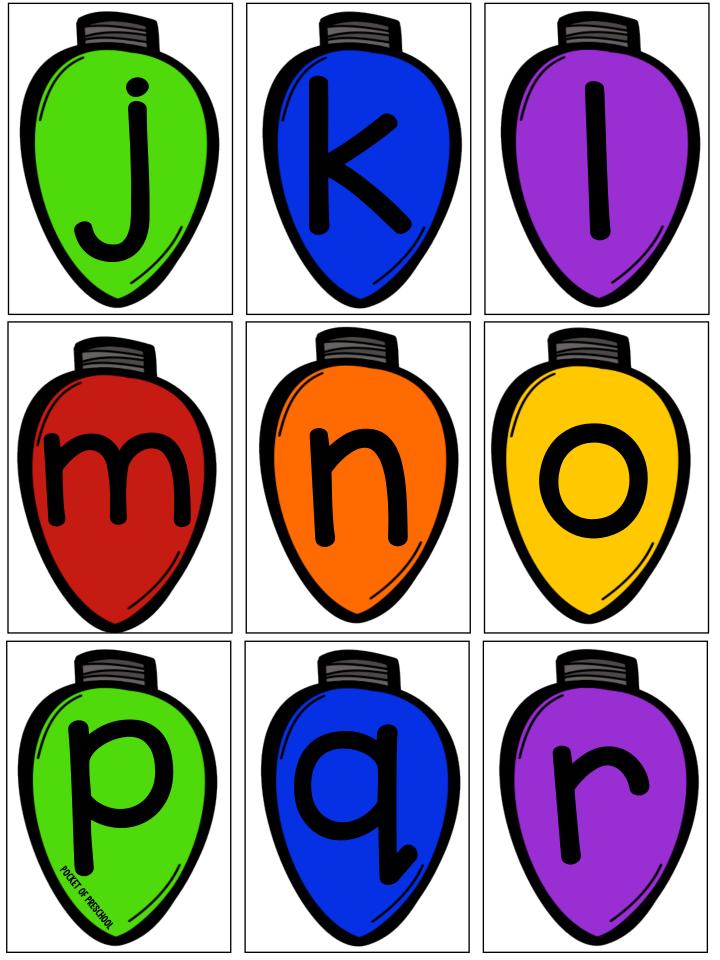


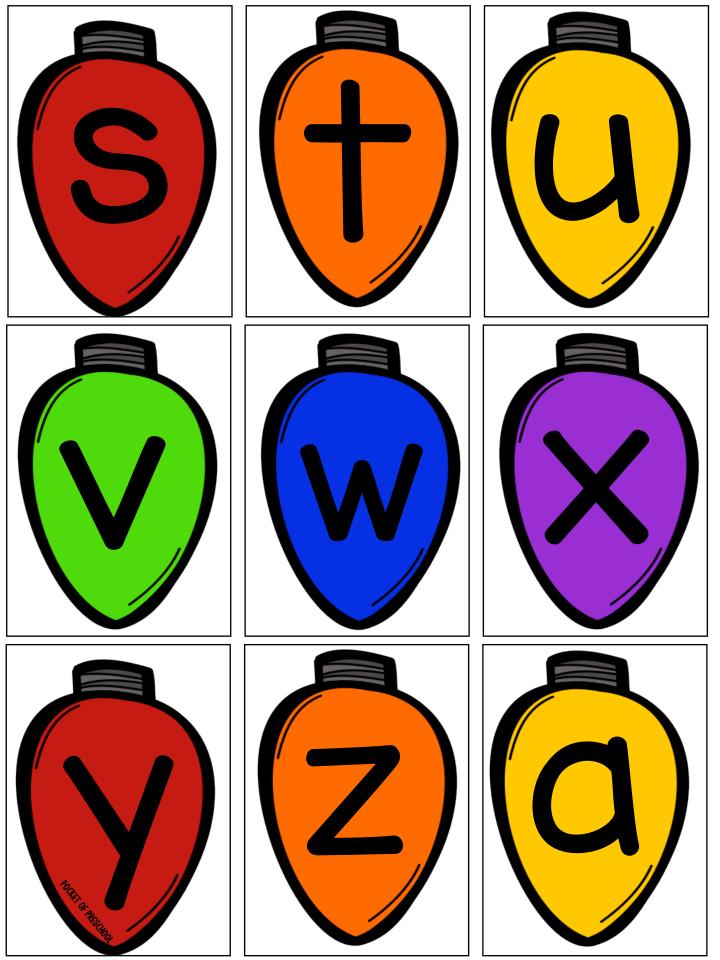


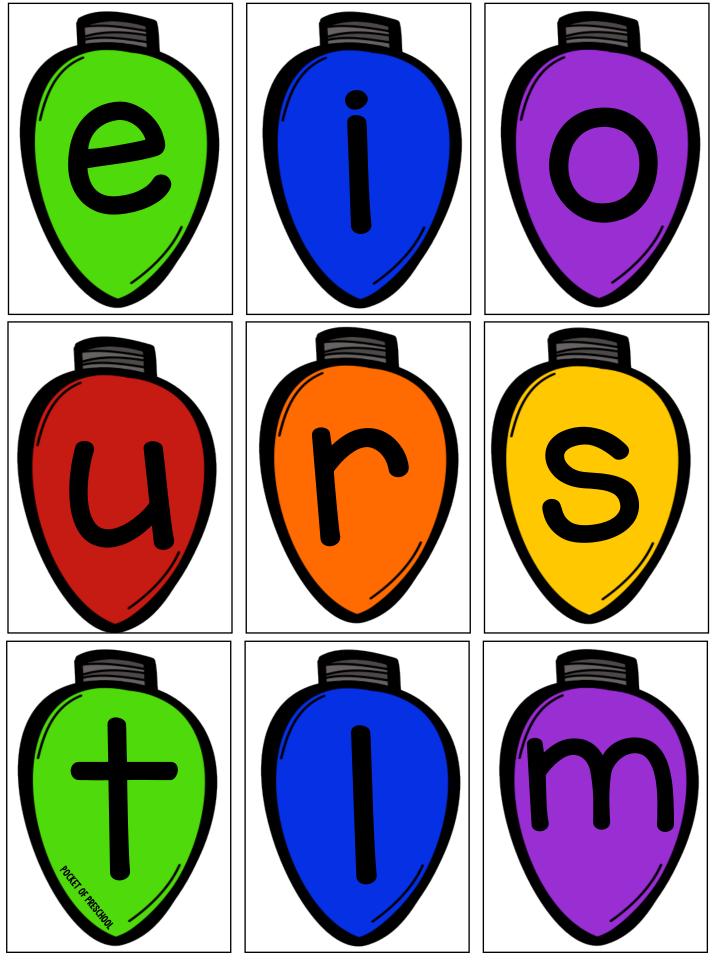


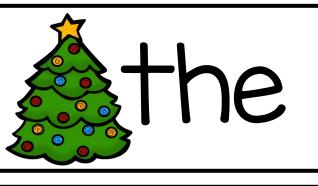


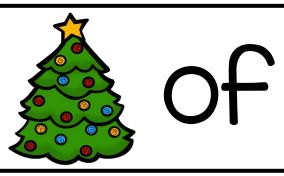




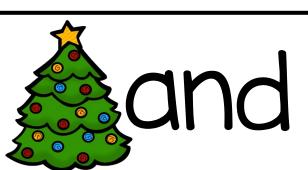


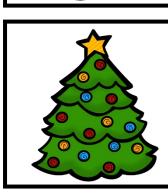












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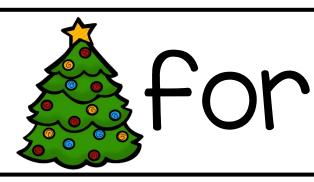






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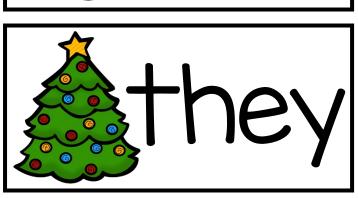


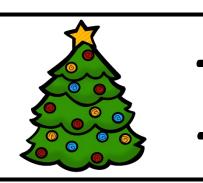






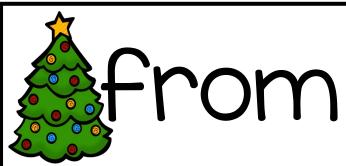


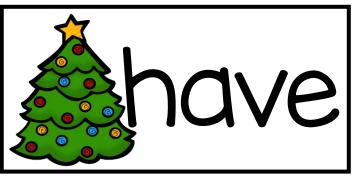












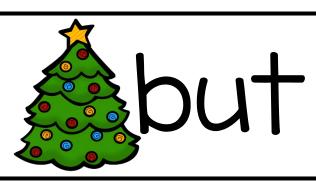


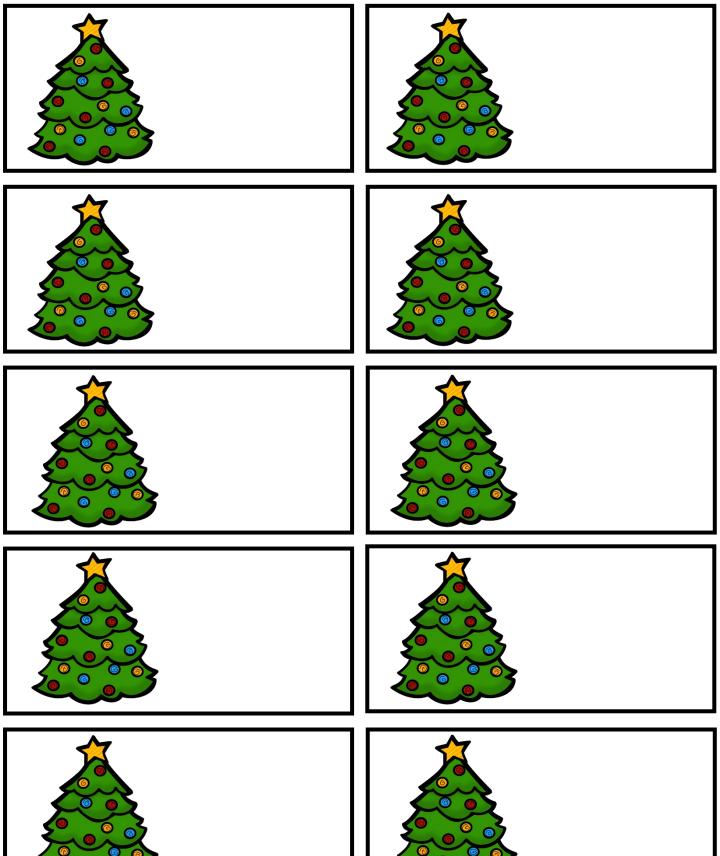


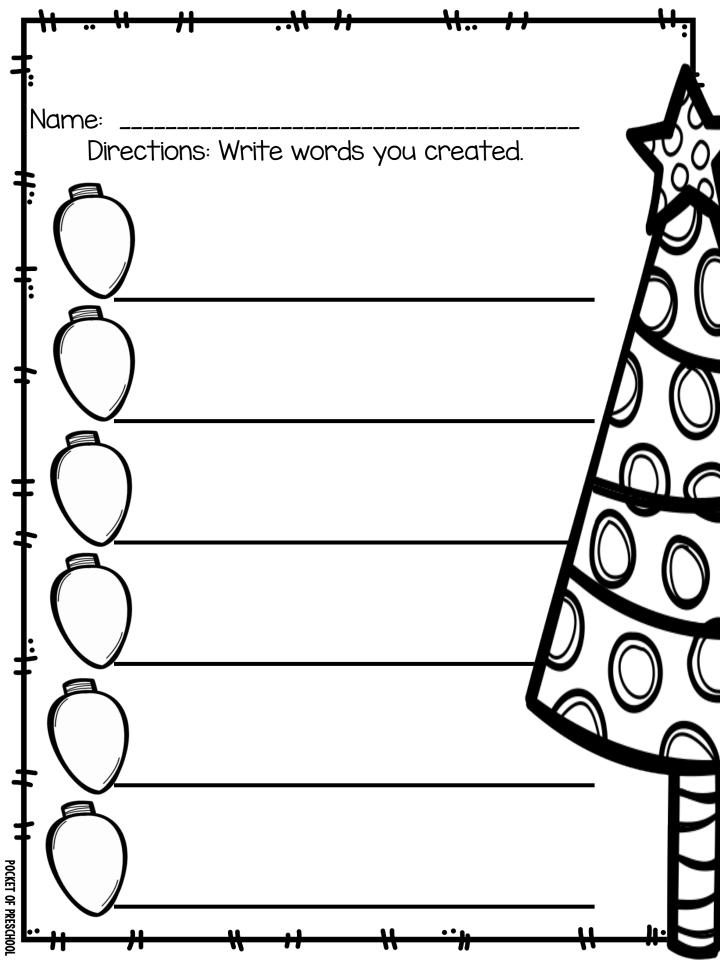


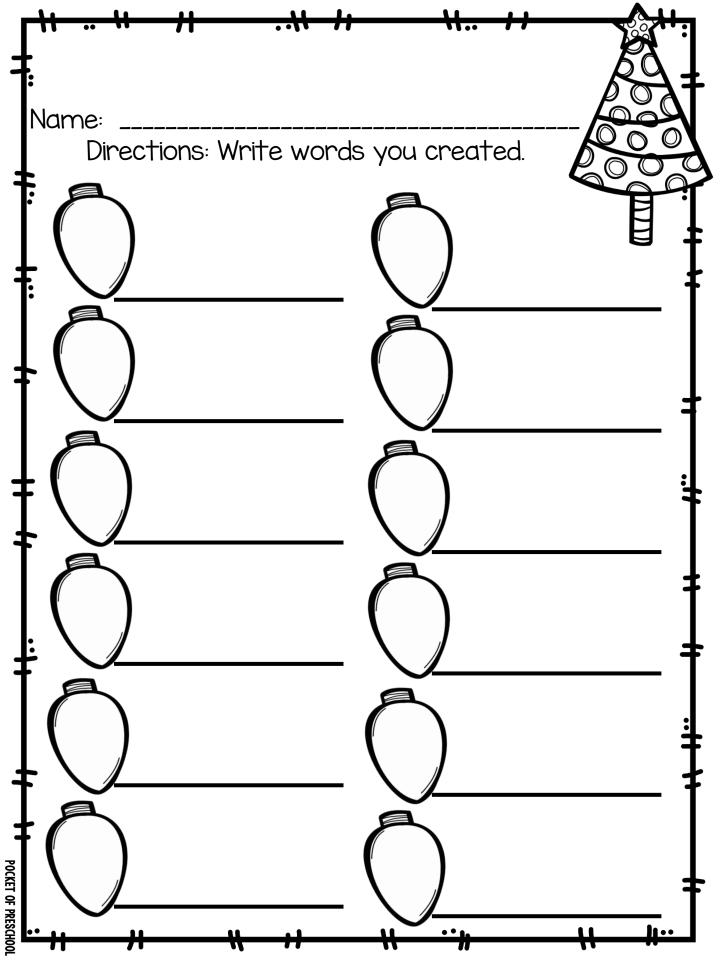


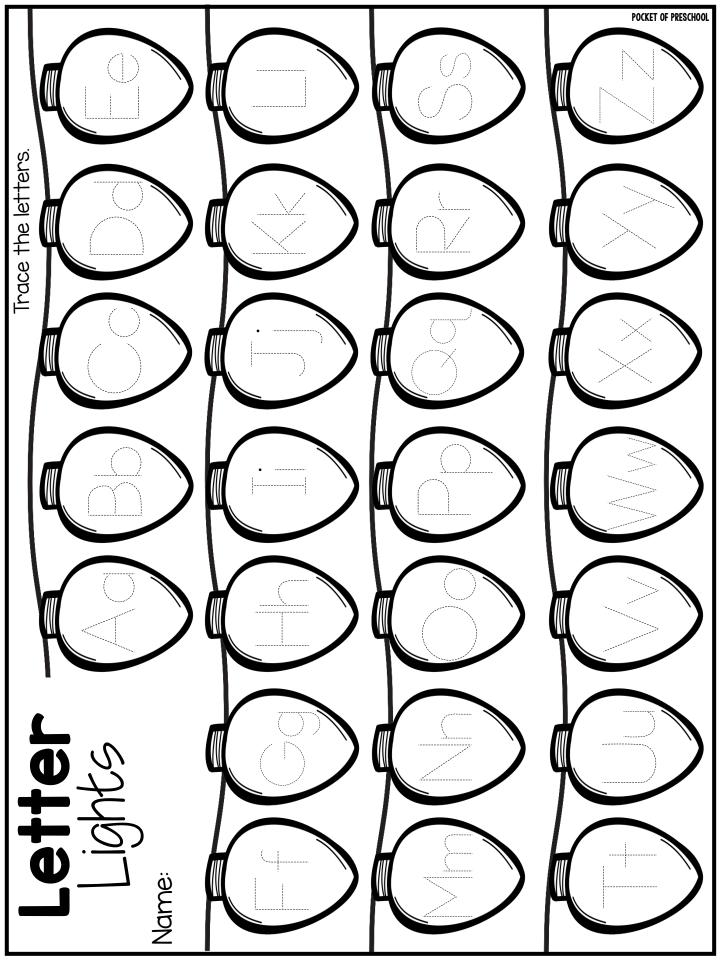












### elf letter dot it

Print and/or laminate the letter boards. To make letter dot it boards, simply copy and laminate the boards for students to use over and over again. Print on colored paper to add an extra pop of color!

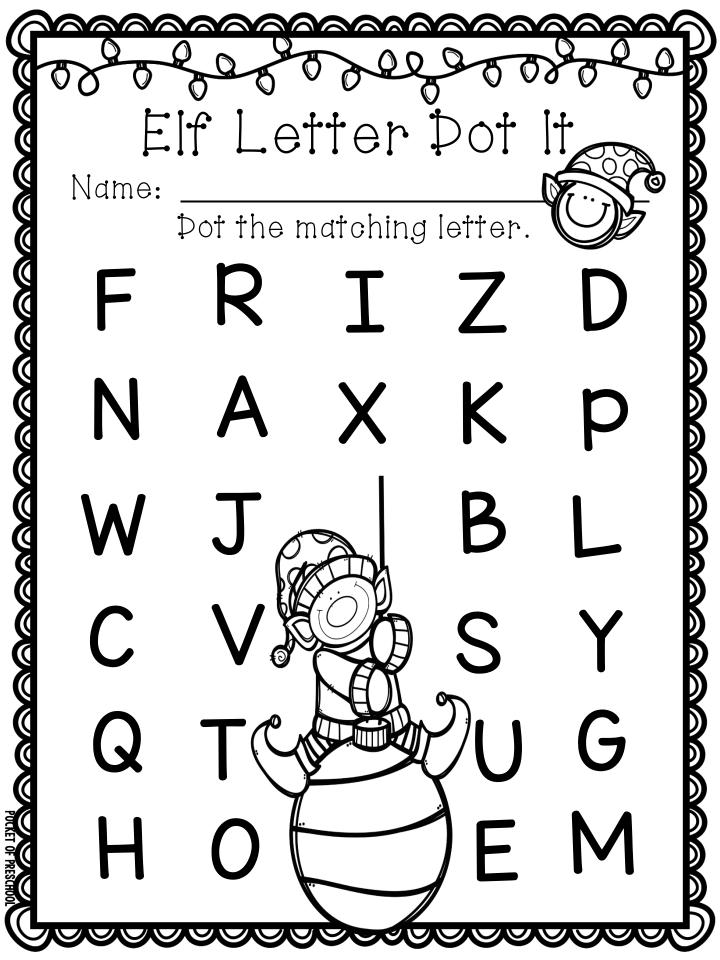
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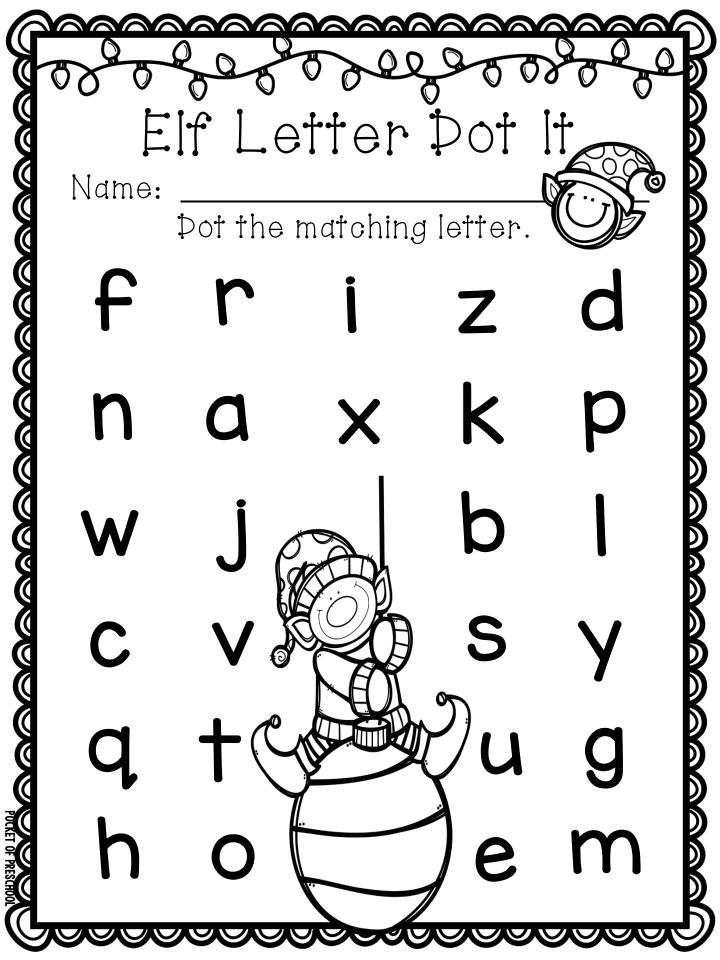
Students pick a letter manipulative or a letter card (use the included Christmas light letter cards or stocking letter cards). Then identify the letter, say the letter sound, find the letter on their board, and lastly dot or cover the letter.

#### Manipulative Ideas:

- Bingo chips (use a magnet wand to clear the board)
- Christmas mini erasers
- Color counters
- Color cubes
- Play dough
- Regular markers or crayons
- Dot markers
- Bingo counters
- Stickers







#### present letters & sounds

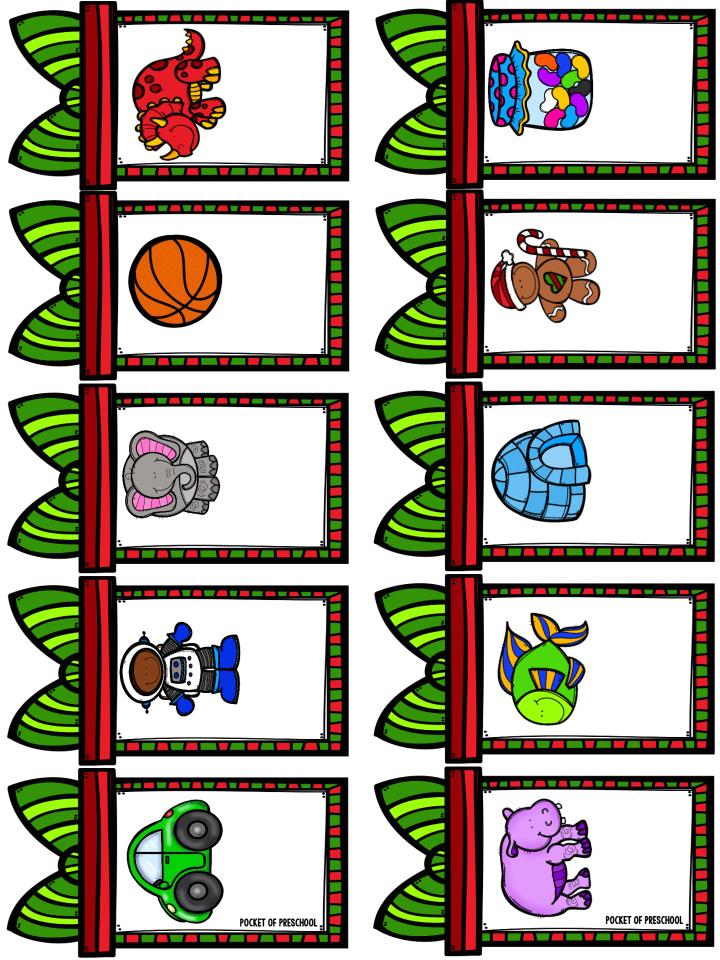
Print, laminate, and cut the letter boards. There are two letter mats per page. Included are letter mats and beginning sound mats.

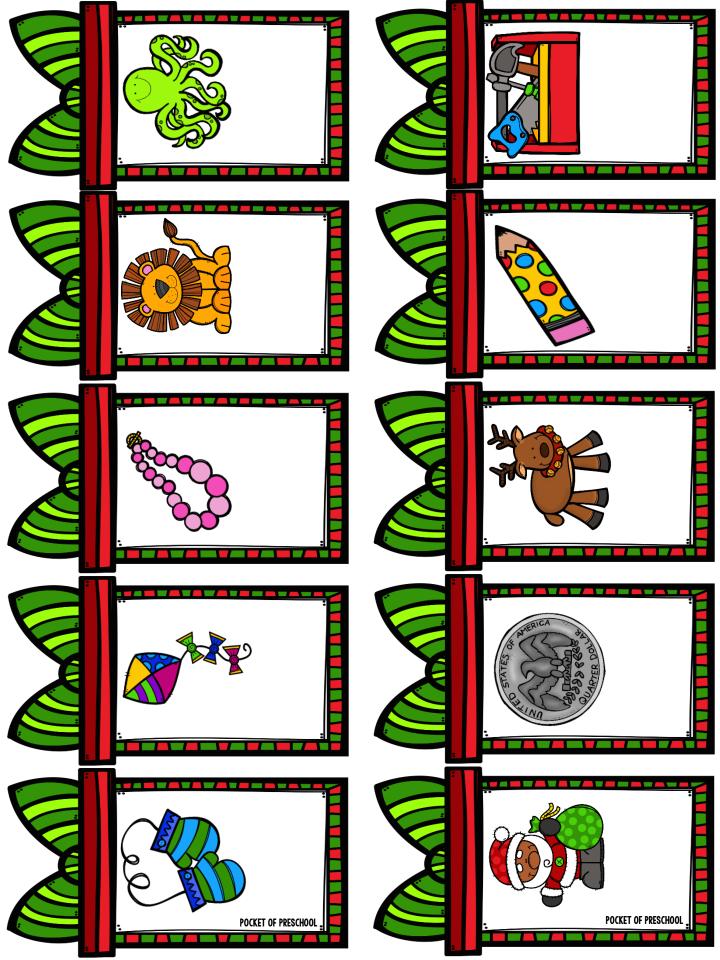
Use letter tiles, magnet letters, foam letters, or any other letter manipulative you have in your classroom.

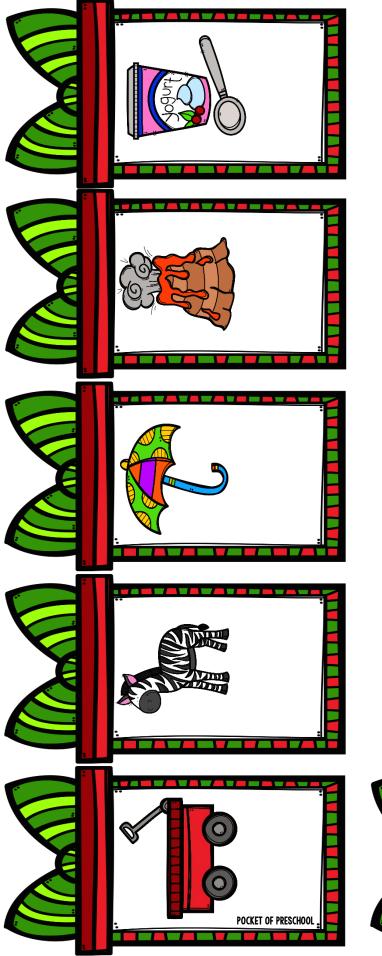
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Students place the matching letter on each present.

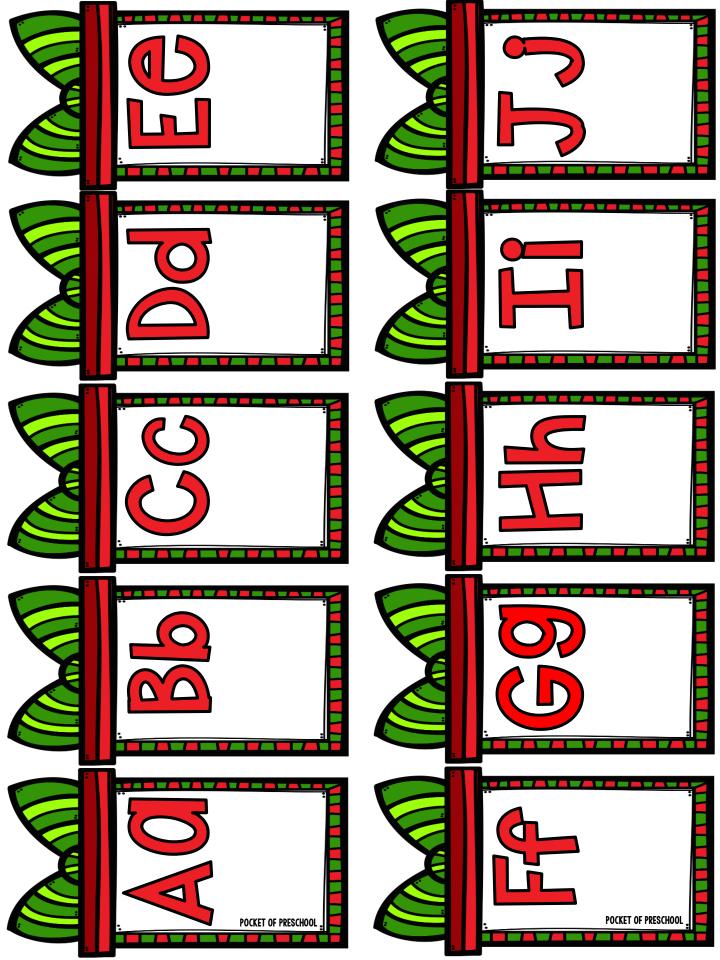


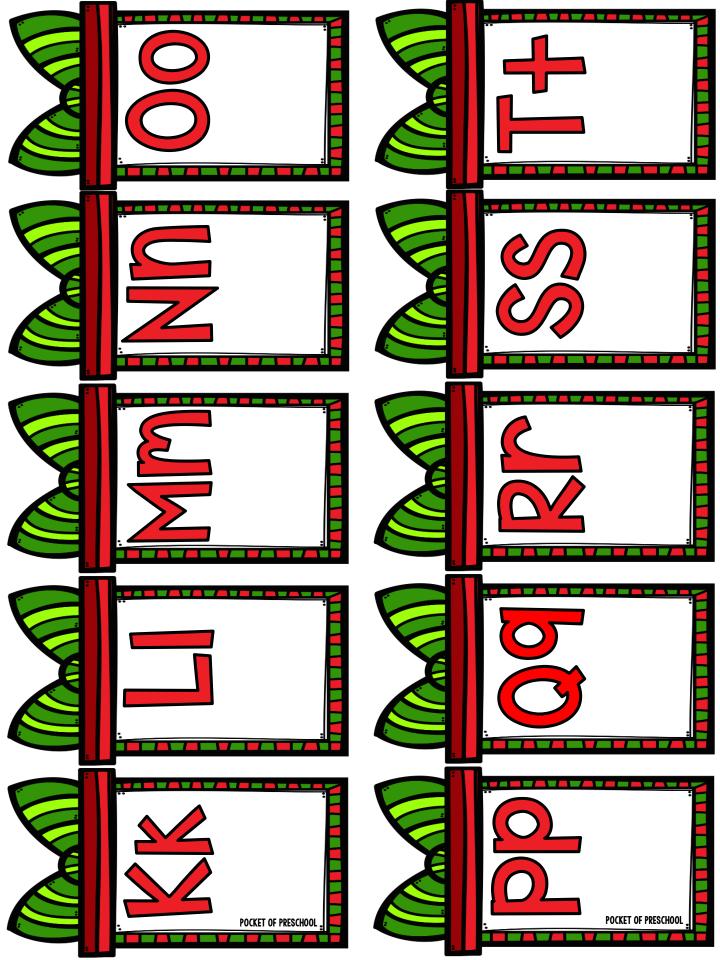


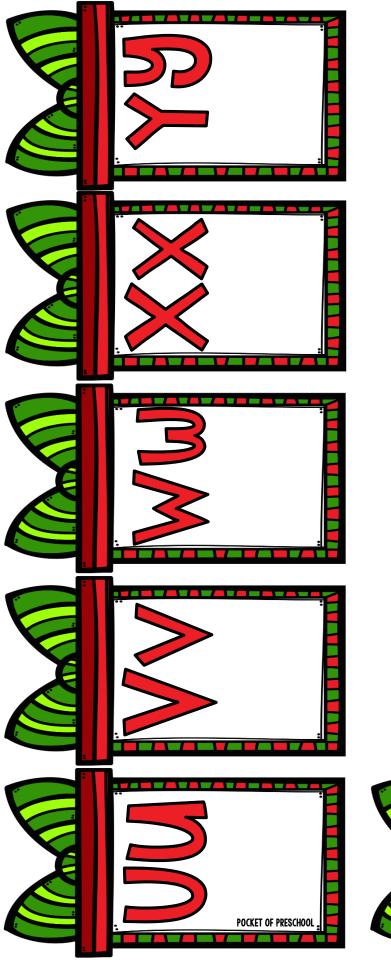


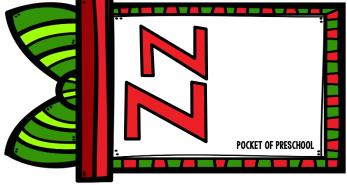


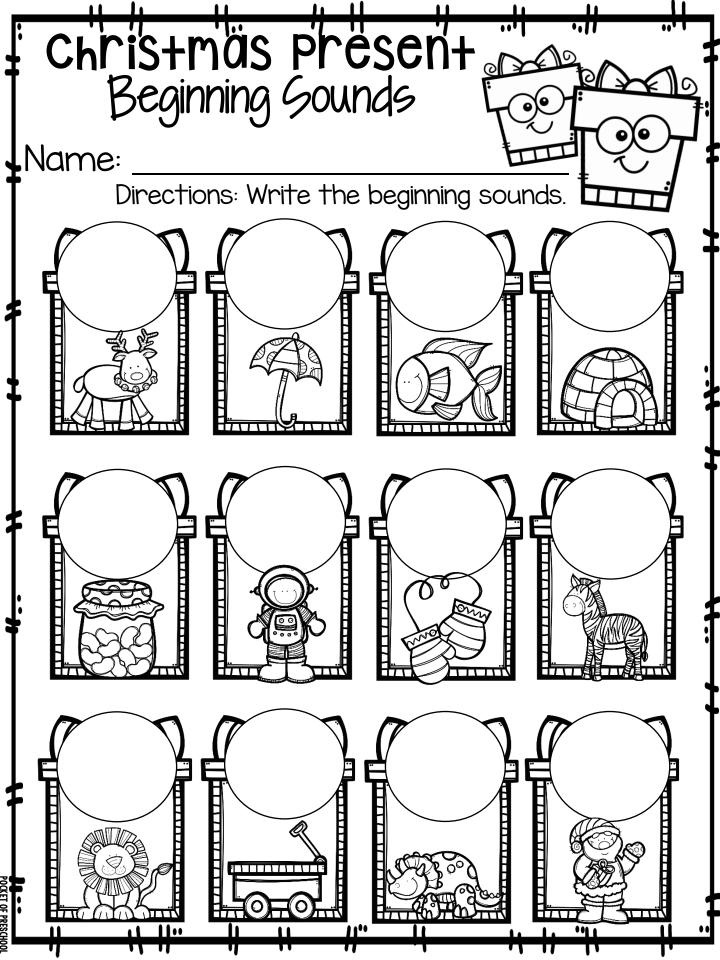


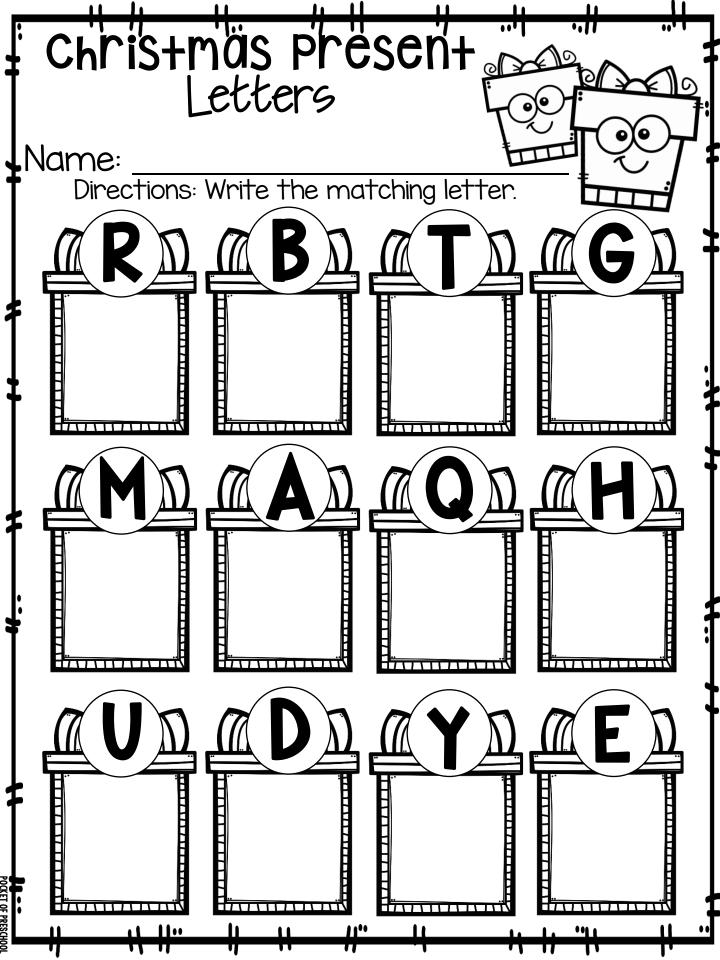












# Stocking letter sort

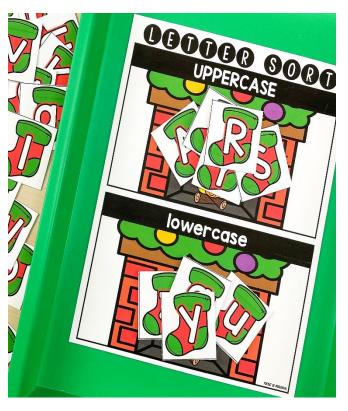
Print the letter cards and sorting boards and laminate the color sorting mats. Cut out the letter cards individually.

## How to Play

Students pick a letter card and sort it on the board. You can also use letter manipulatives and sort the letter manipulatives on the board.

Students can sort the letters various ways:

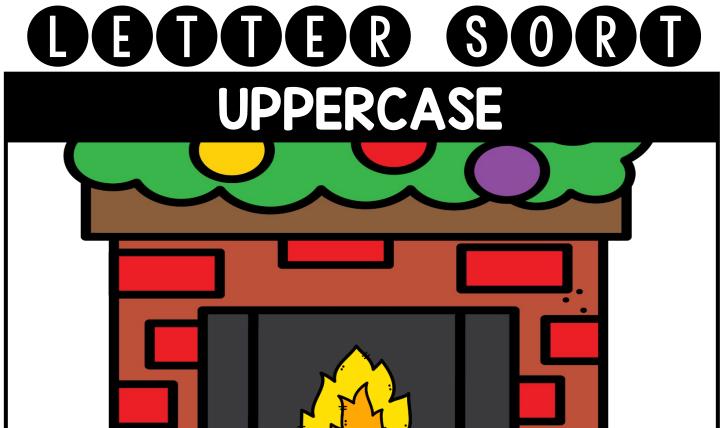
- Uppercase/Lowercase
- Straight/Curvy/Both (type of lines in the letters)
- Holes/No Holes
- In my Name/Not in my Name





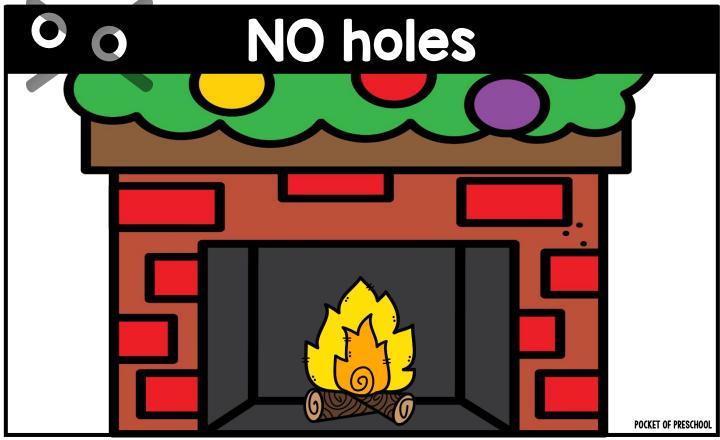


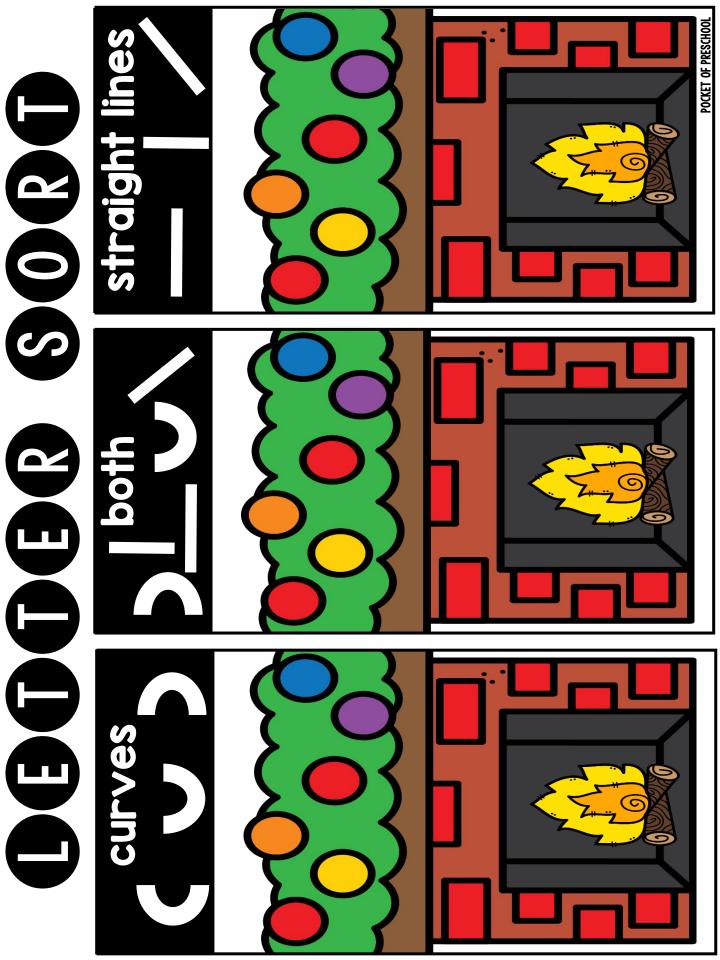


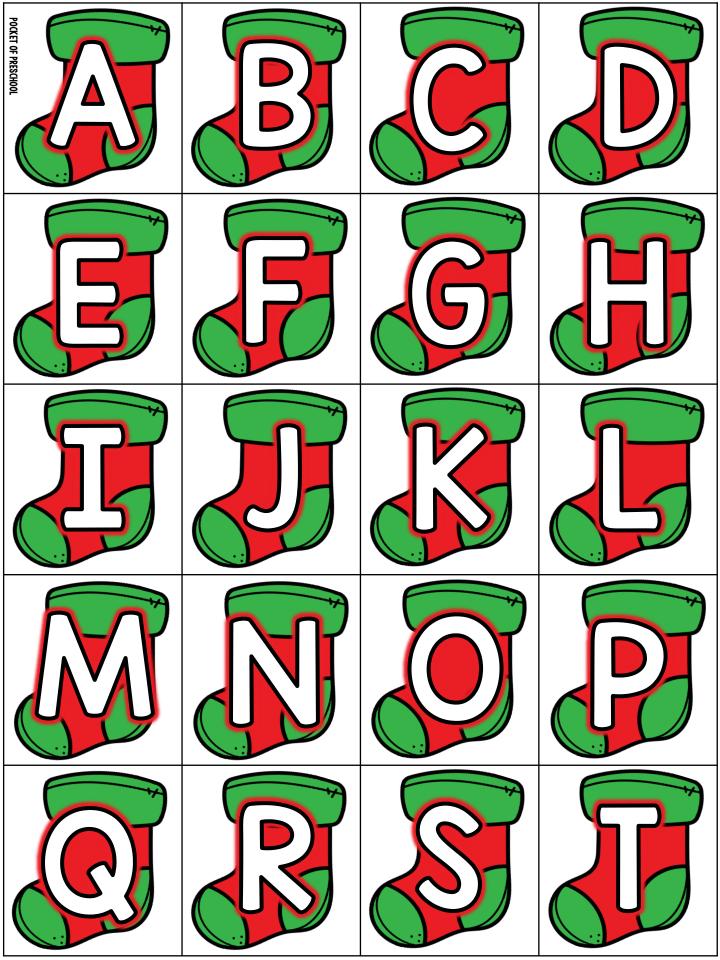


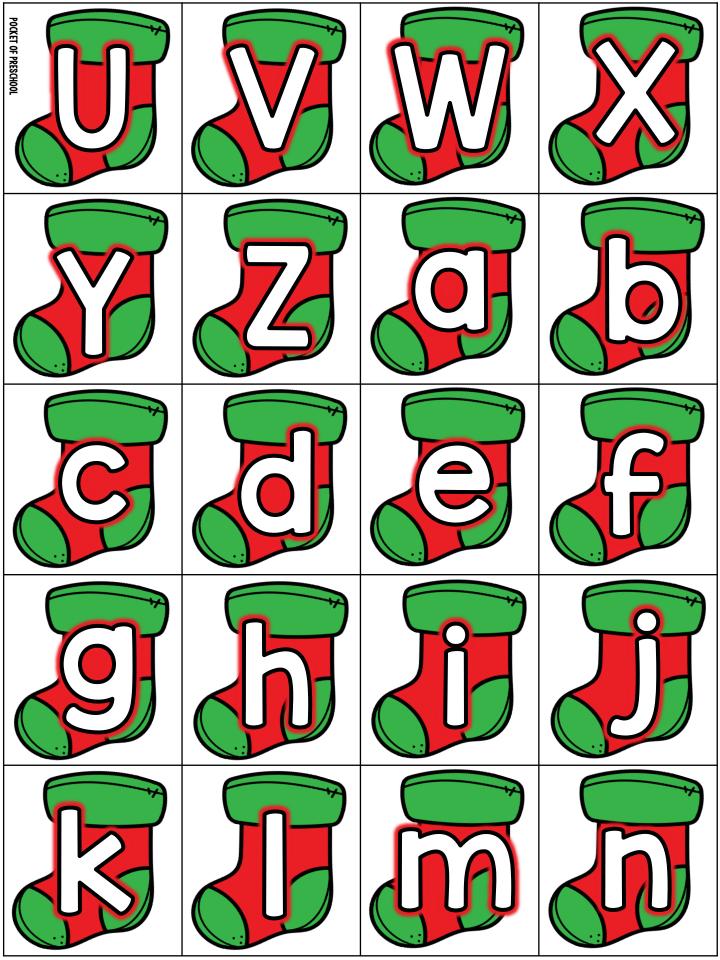


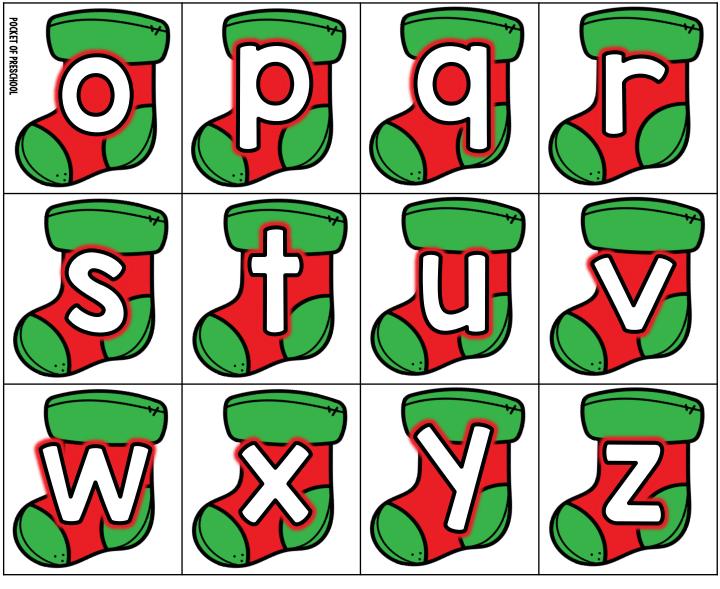


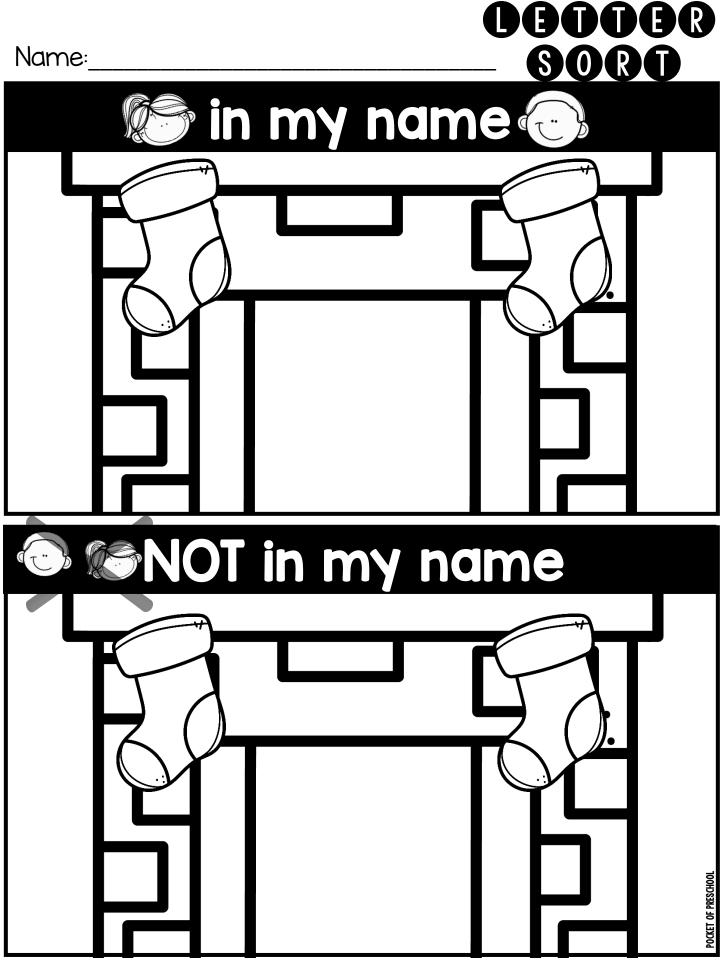


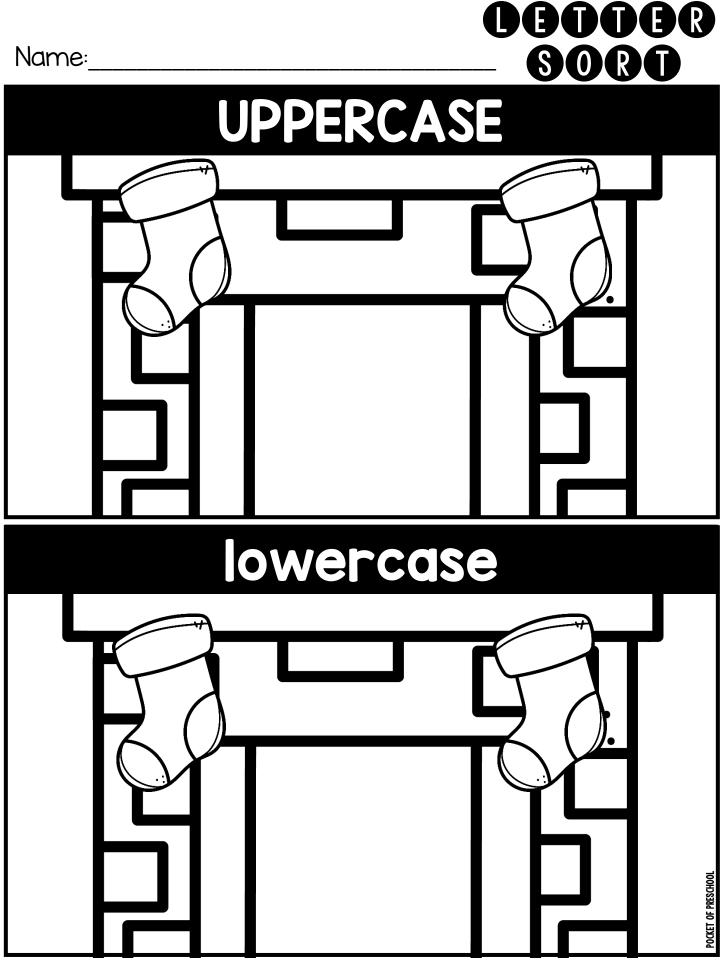


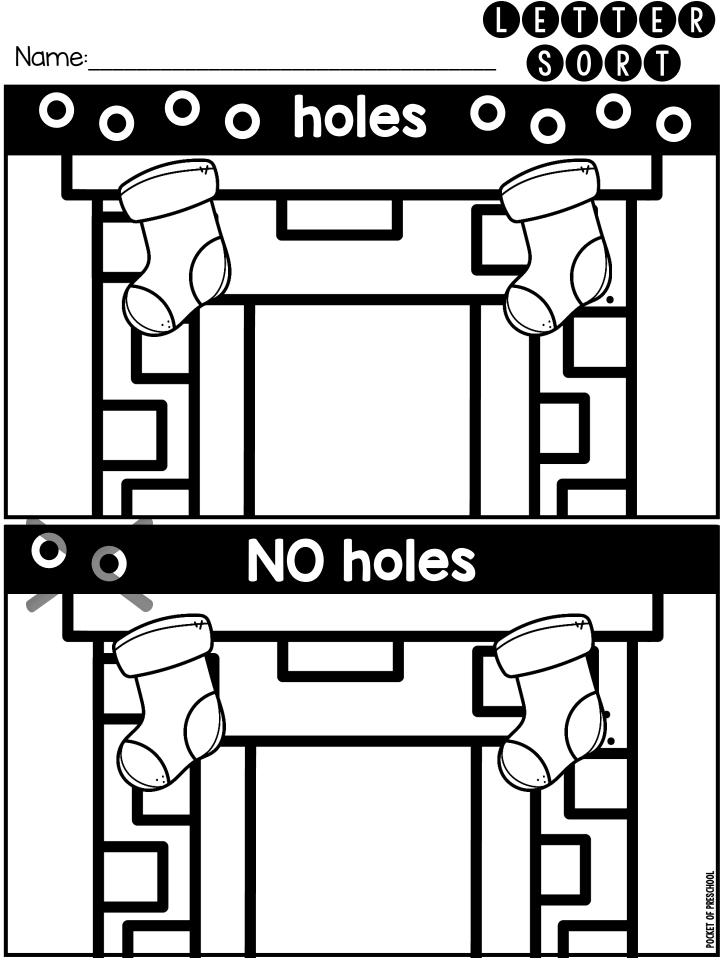












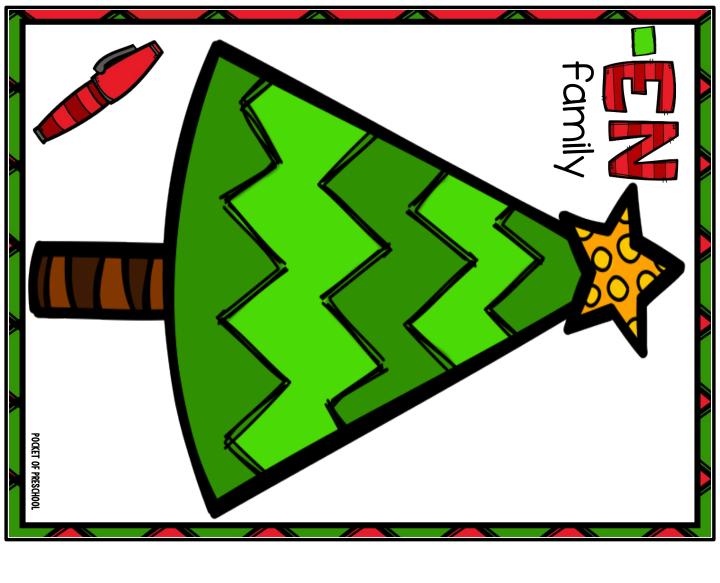
# Christmas tree rhymes

Print, laminate, and cut out the boards and ornaments.

## How to Play

Students match the rhyming words to the word family tree. Place the ornaments in a mini sensory bin or tray for added sensory fun!

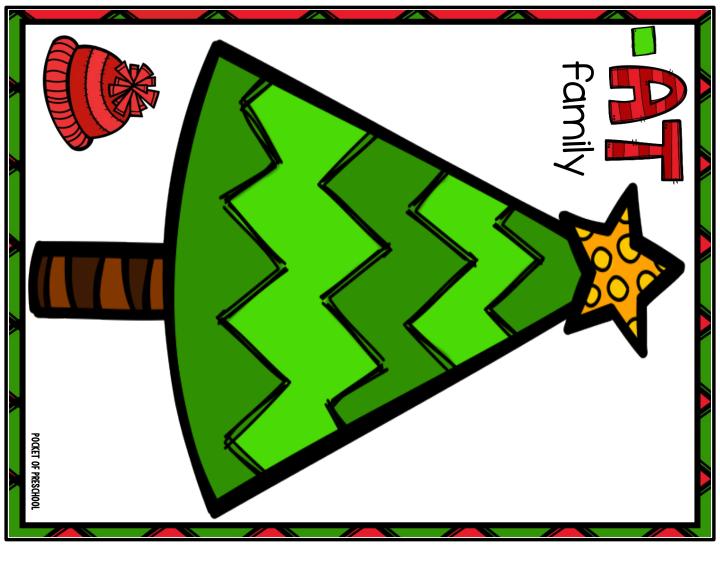




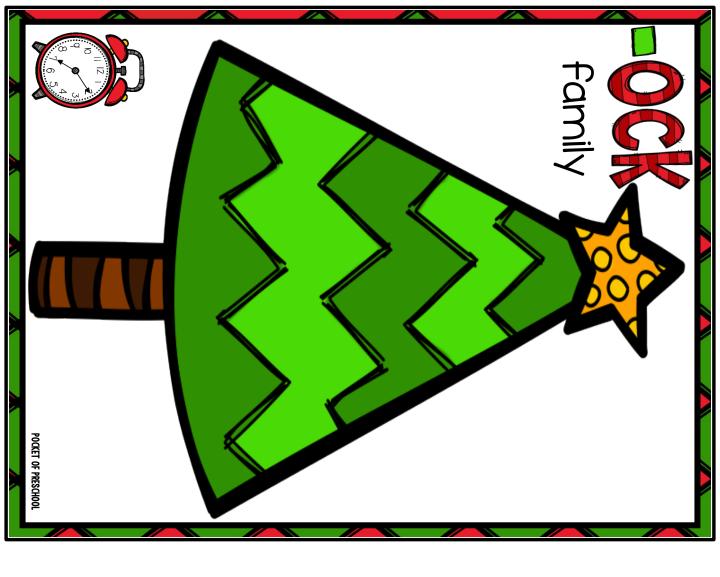




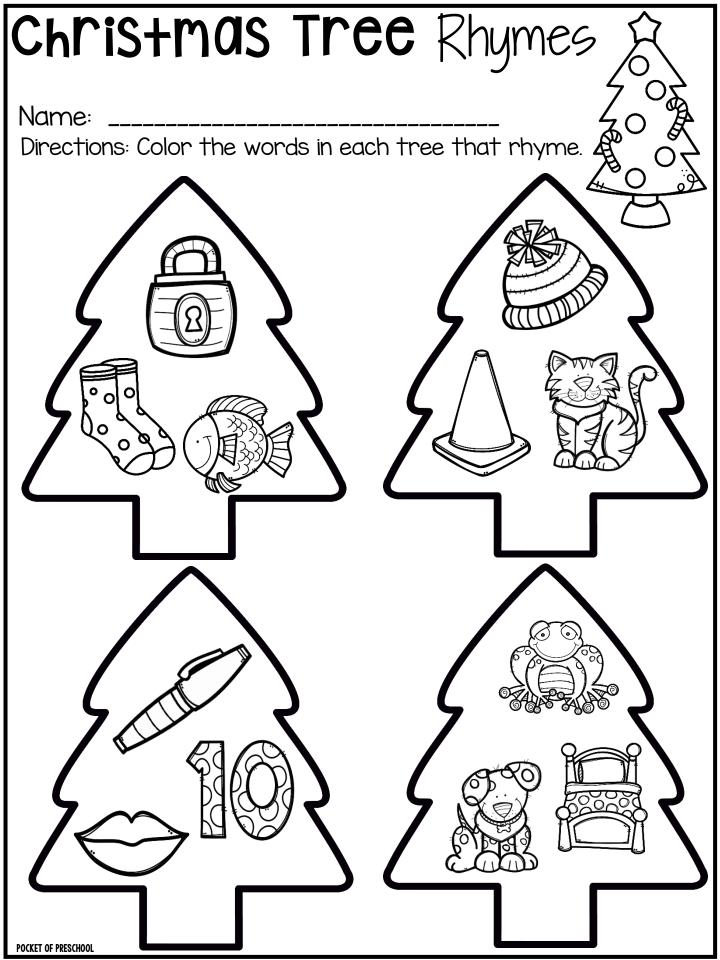












## accorate the tree: count or add

Print on cardstock and laminate for durability.
Use mini erasers, jewels, pom poms, counters, buttons, or mini ornaments for the tree decorations. You can also use the blackline version with dot markers or stickers. This game can be played with a peer or individually.

## How to Play

COUNTING 1-6 (use one die)

 Students take turns rolling the die, counting the dots, and counting out the corresponding number of objects. Play until the tree is covered in decorations.

ADDING (use two die)

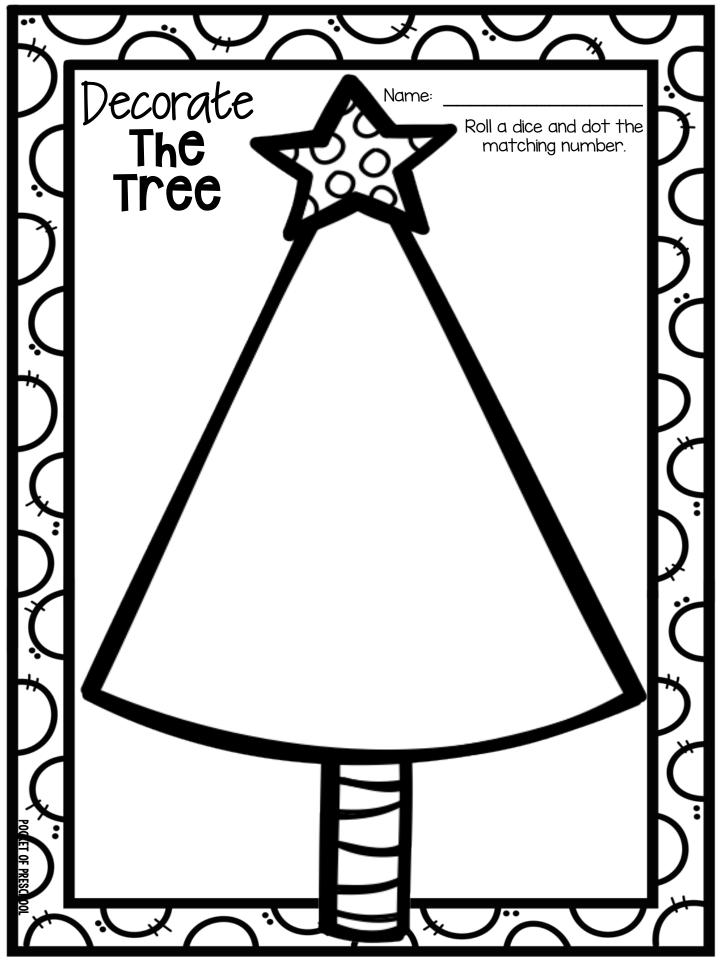
 Students take turns rolling the dice, adding the total number of dots, and counting out the total corresponding number of objects.



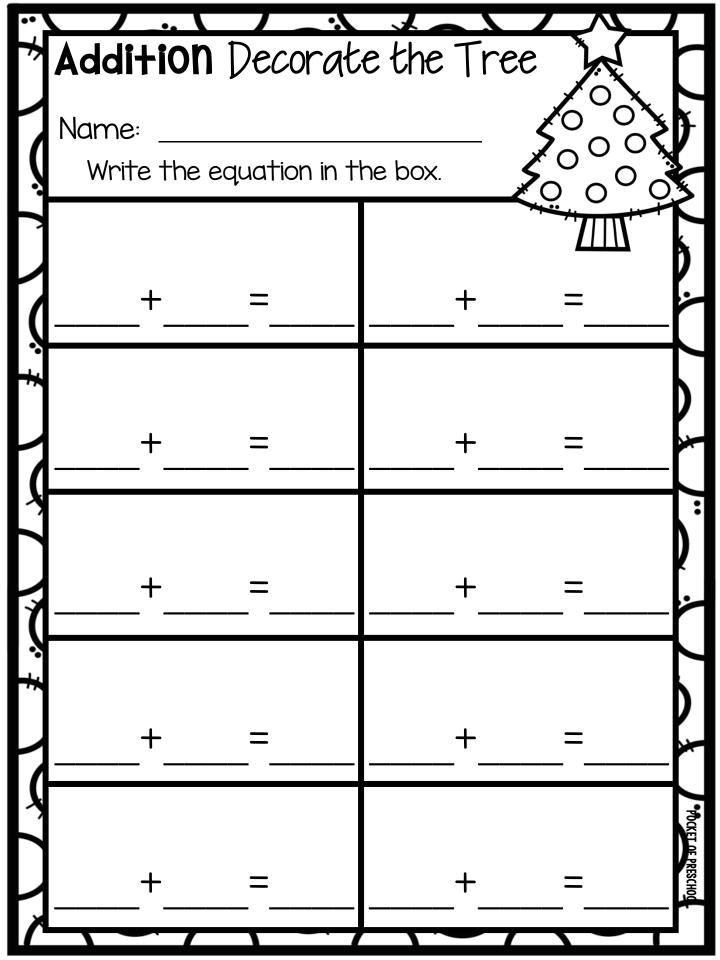












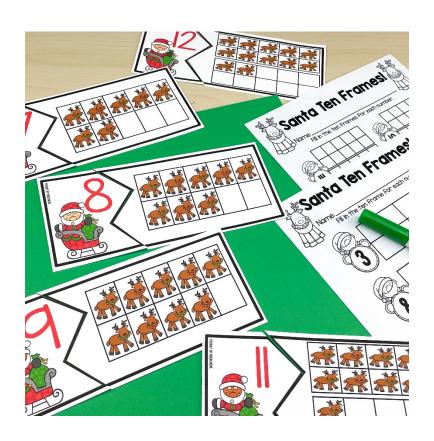
# santa number puzzles

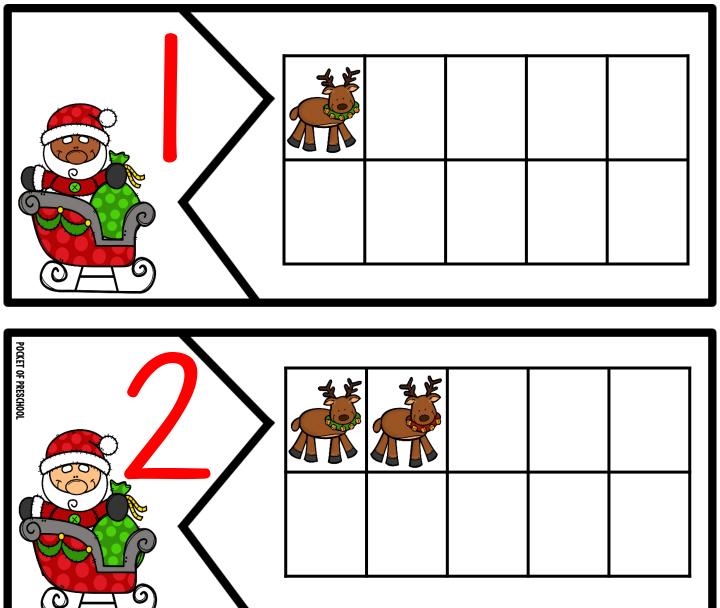
Print on cardstock and laminate for durability. Cut out each puzzle individually. Students can play this game on the floor, at a table, or in a pocket chart.

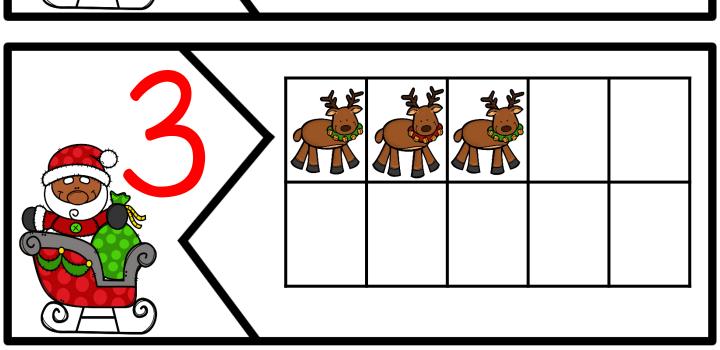
To add sensory to this activity, place the puzzle pieces in a mini sensory bin with Christmas colored pom poms, rice, or beans.

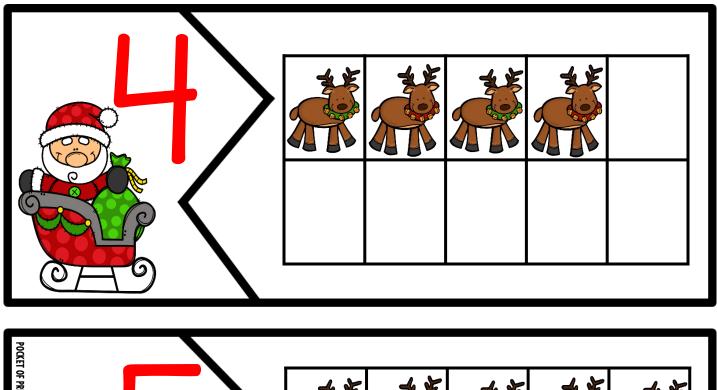
## How to Play

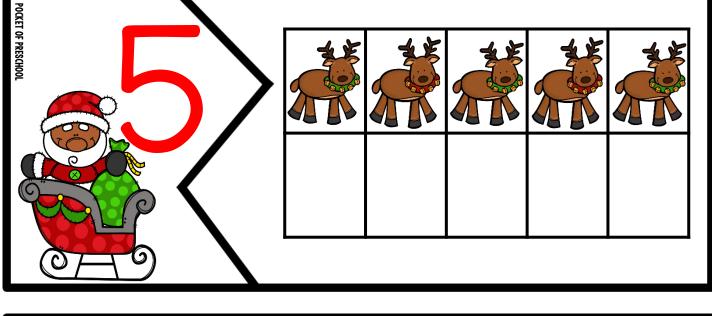
Students match the numbers with the corresponding number of objects to complete the puzzle.

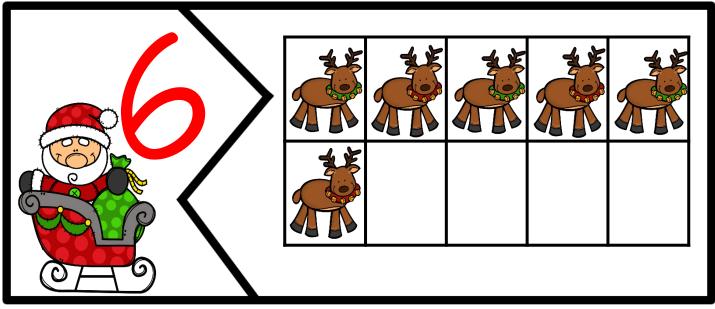


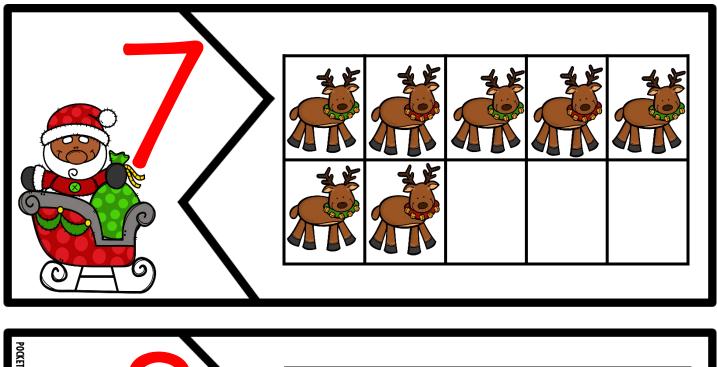


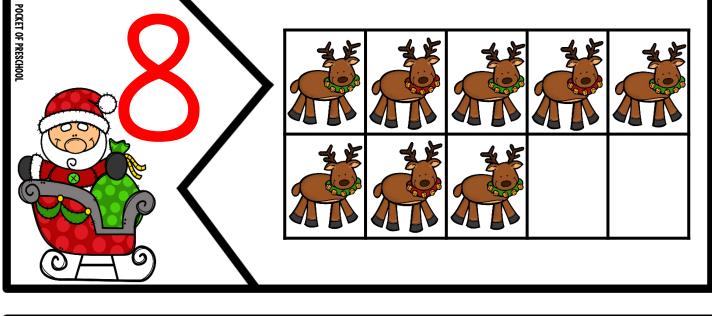


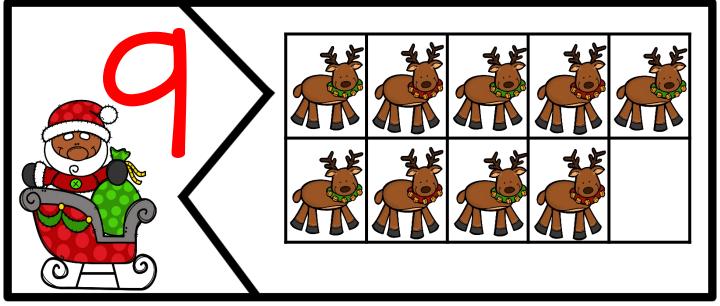


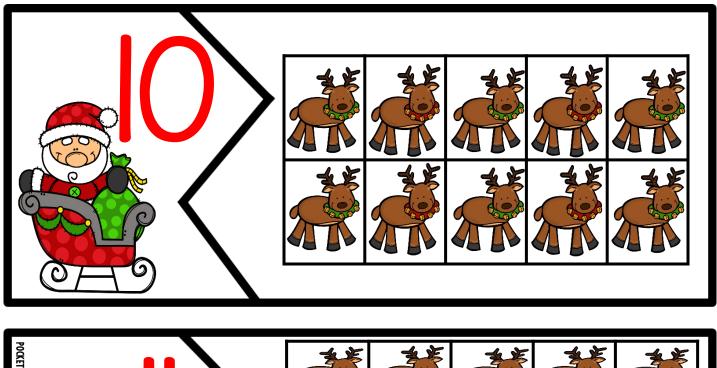


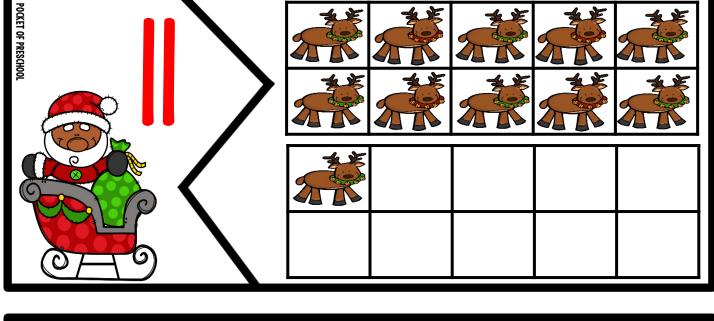


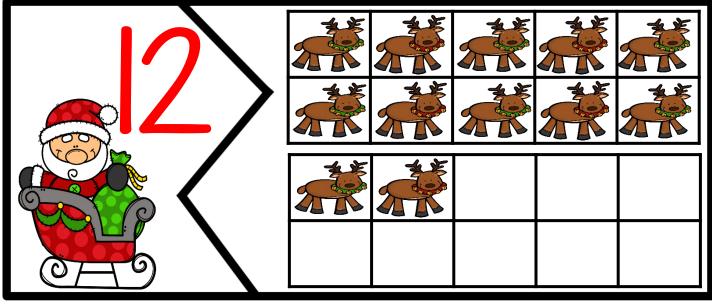


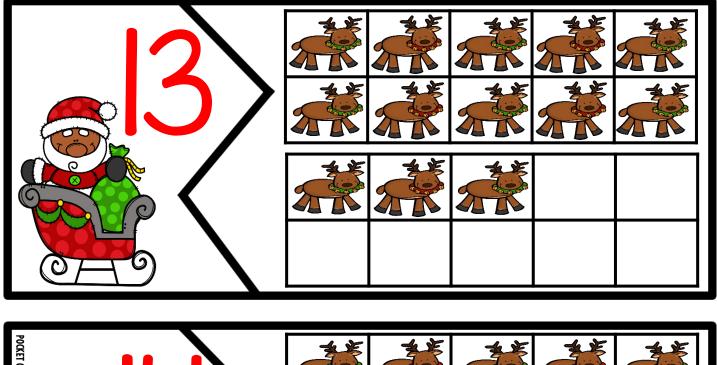


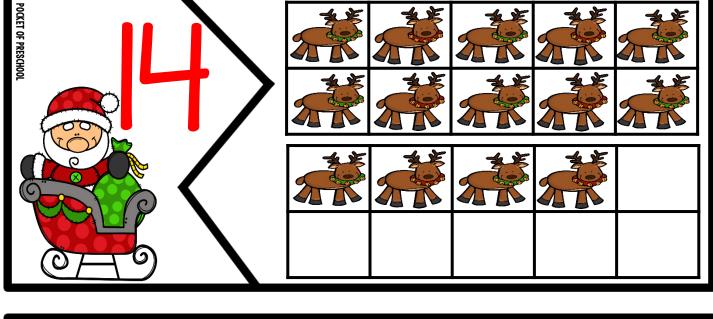


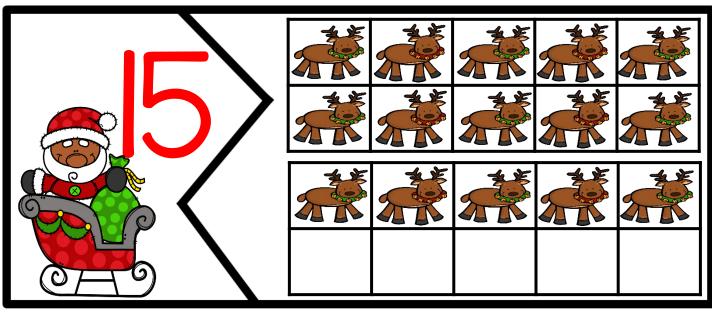


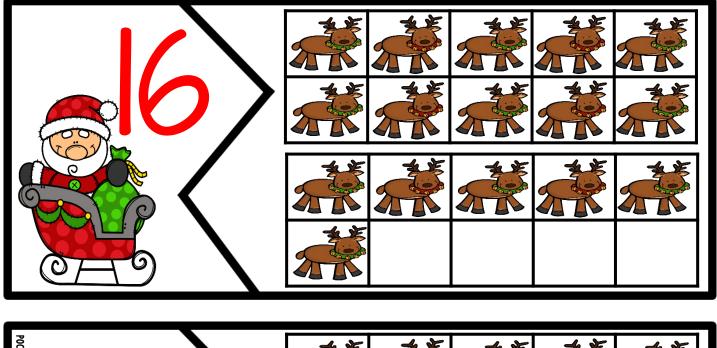


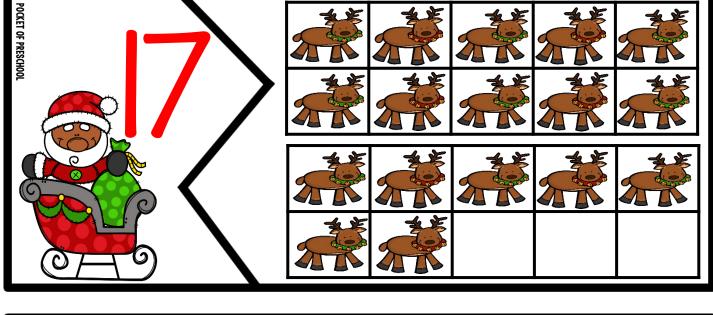


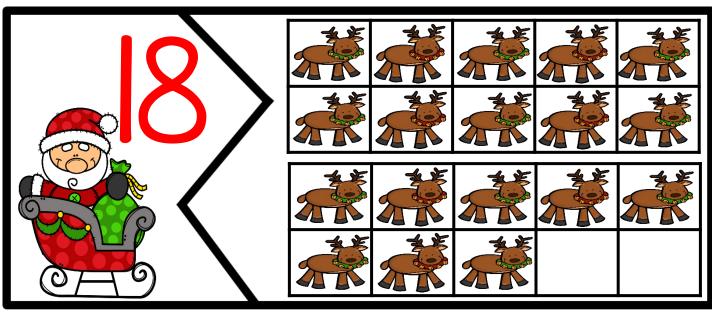


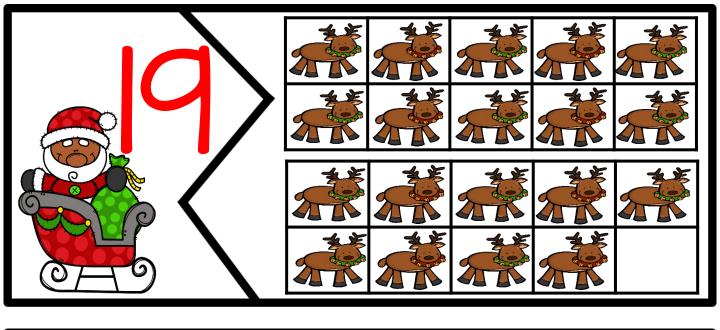


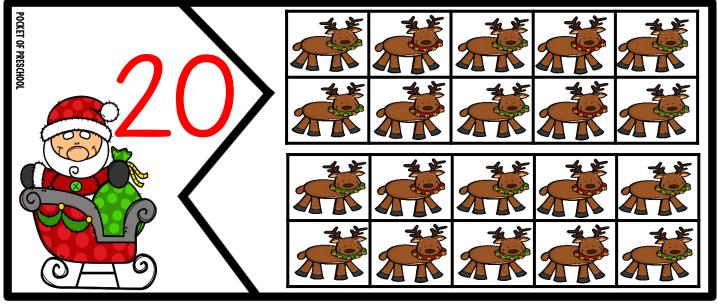


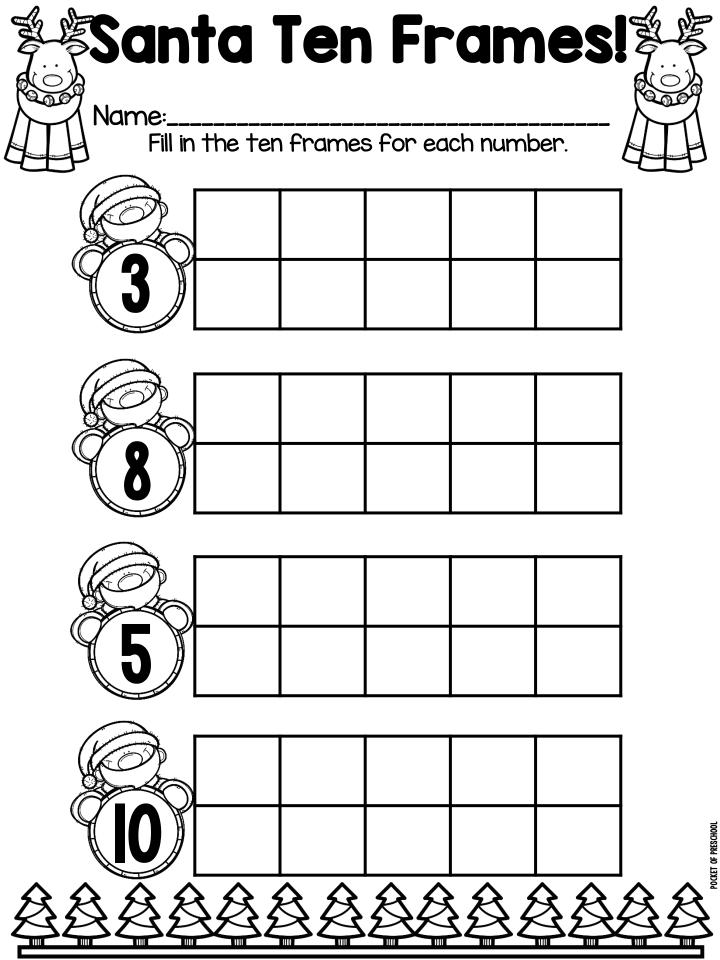


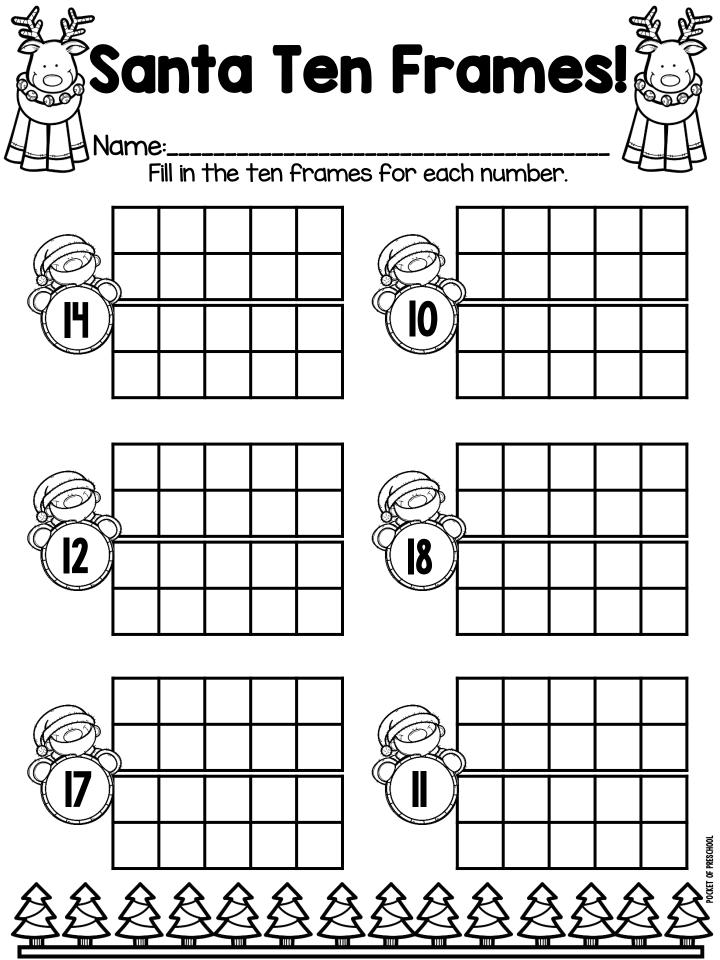












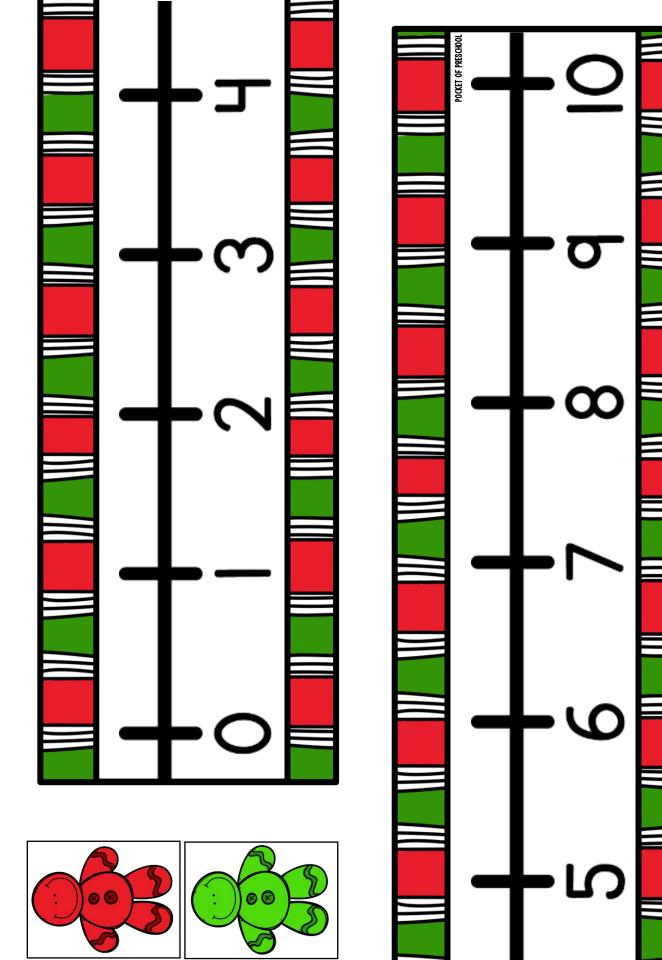
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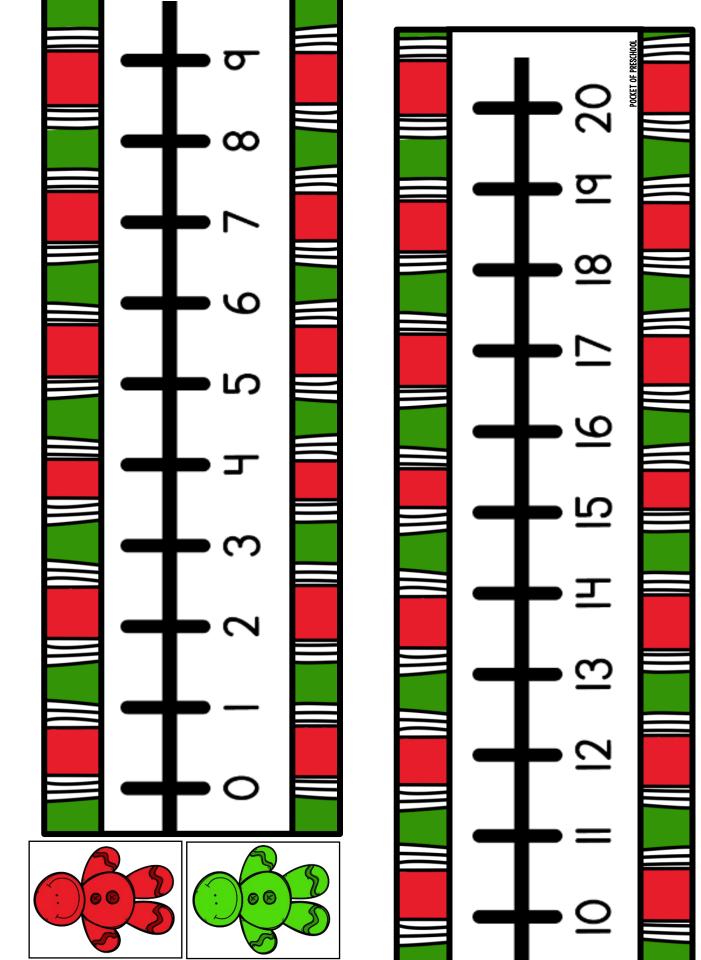
Print on cardstock and laminate all pieces for durability. Tape the number line together. Glue gingerbread pieces to the top of the clothespins.

## How to Play

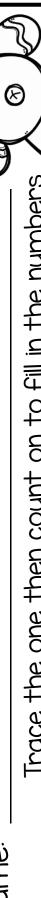
Students roll a die and move the corresponding number on the number line. The game is over when both players have reached the end of the number line.





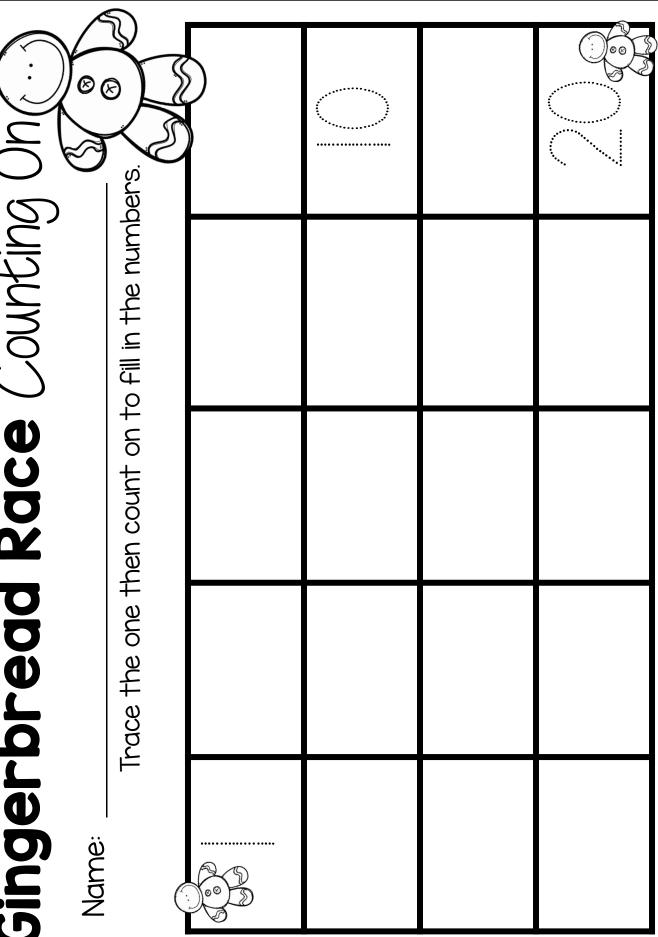


# Gingerbread Race Counting Onkar



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Trace the one then count on to fill in the numbers.	
then count on	
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Name:	

# Gingerbread Race Counting On



## Christmas train count

This is a fun activity students can do to develop one-to-one correspondence and identify numbers.

Print and laminate the board and cards. Punch holes on the sides of the train cards so students can connect the train cards together with math chains.

## How to Play

Students put the train numbers in order and connect the cars with math chains. Then match the ten frame cards and count out the corresponding number of manipulatives for each number car. Some manipulatives you could use are: pom poms, mini erasers, gems, cubes, cut-up stripped straws (candy canes), or counters.

## Add Sensory

Place a sensory filler in a small bin (chickpeas, pom poms, beans, lor rice) and place the cards in the bin.

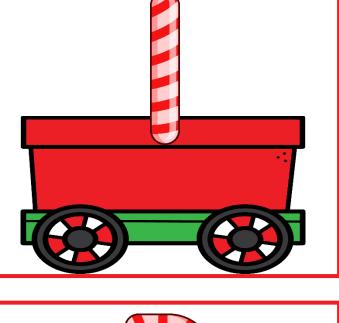
## Differentiation

Use only the cards at your students' level.

- Use cards and board I-IO.
- Use cards and board II-20.





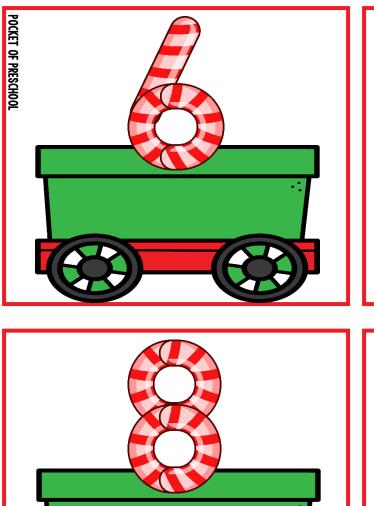




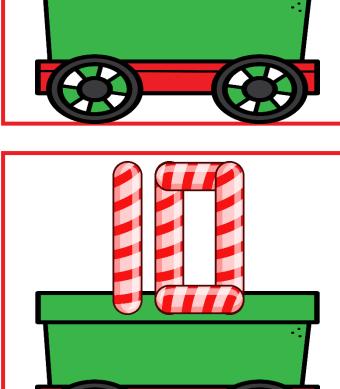


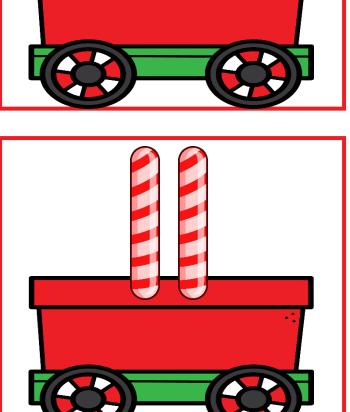


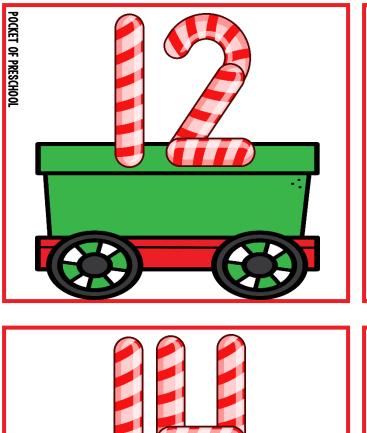


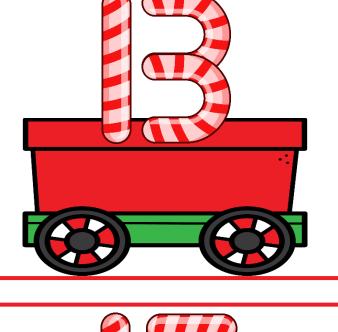


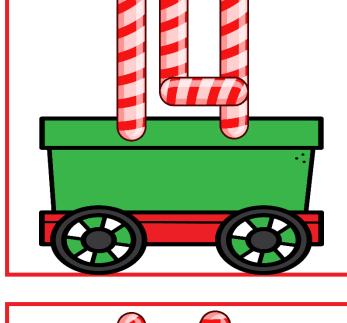








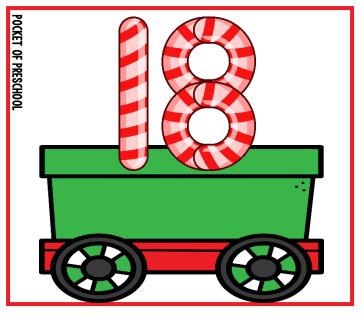








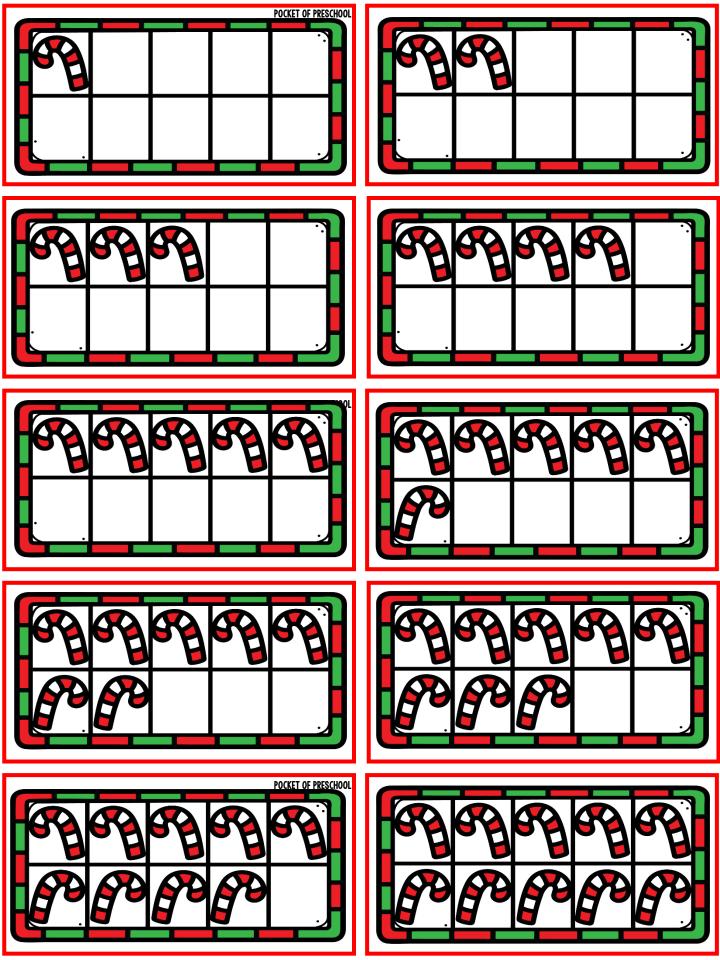










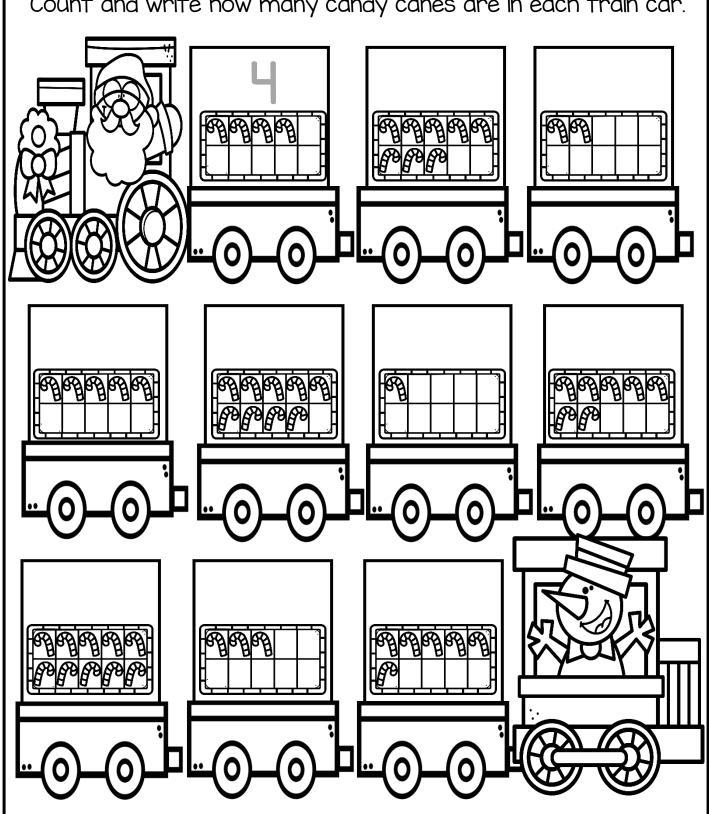




## Thain Count!

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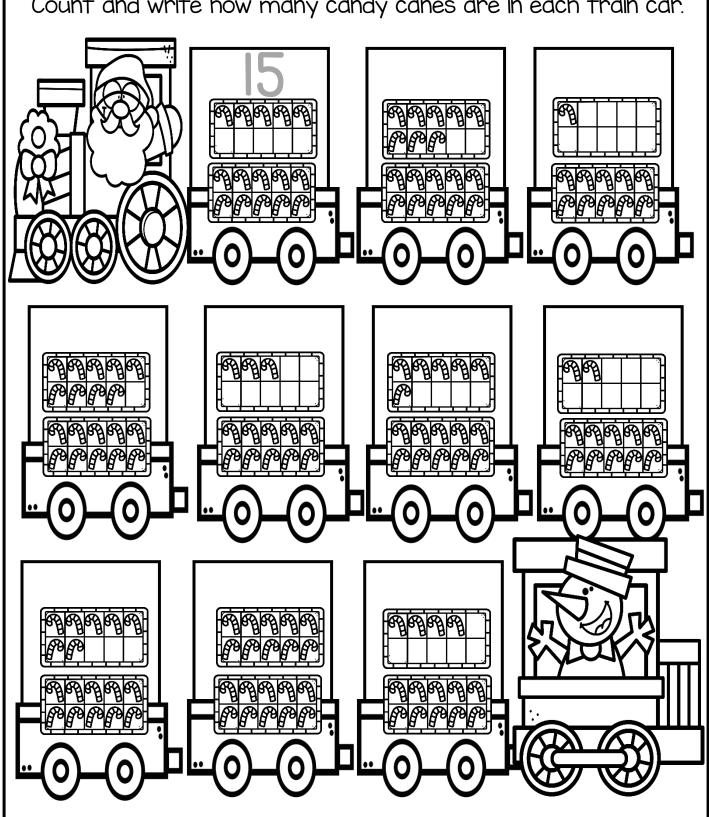
Count and write how many candy canes are in each train car.



## Train Count!

Name:

Count and write how many candy canes are in each train car.



## Christmas patterns

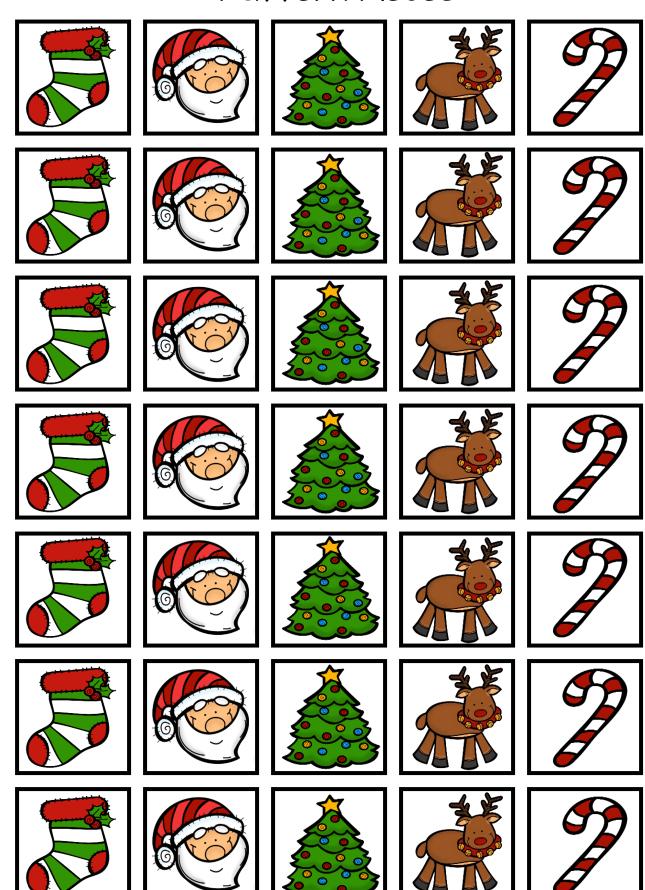
Print, laminate, and cut apart the pattern pieces and the pattern strips. Students use the pieces to extend the patterns and then create their own patterns.

## How to Play

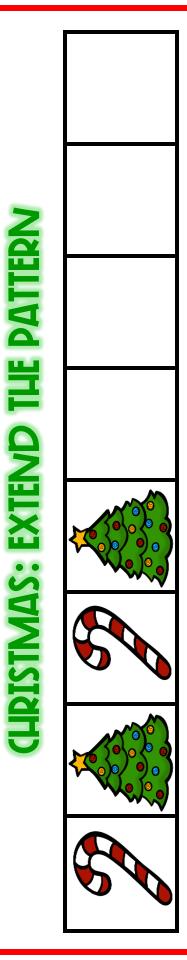
Students extend the patterns and then create their own on the pattern strips. Students can also use mini erasers, Christmas candy, or pom poms to make their own patterns on the strips too.

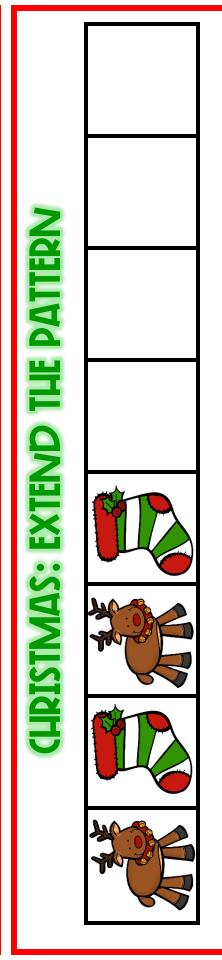


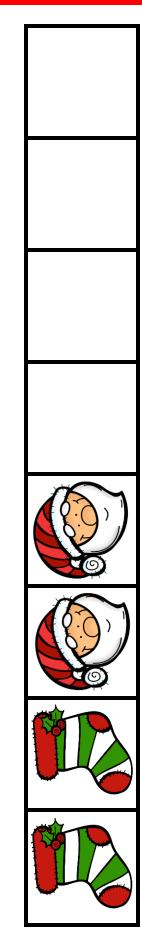
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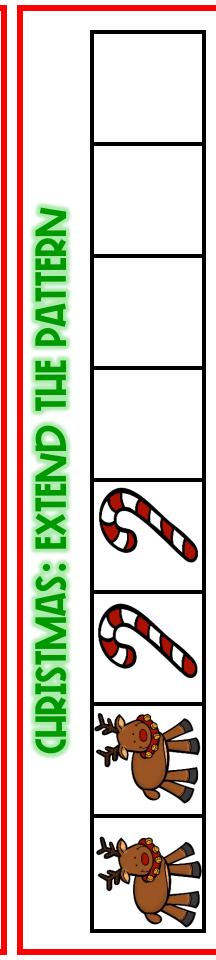


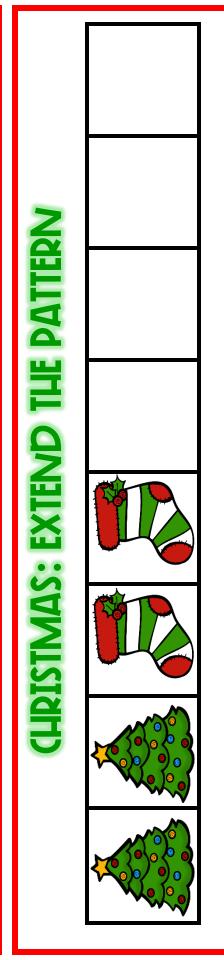


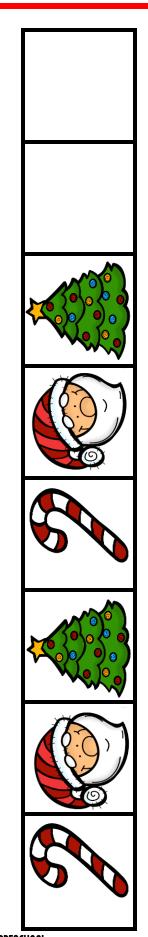




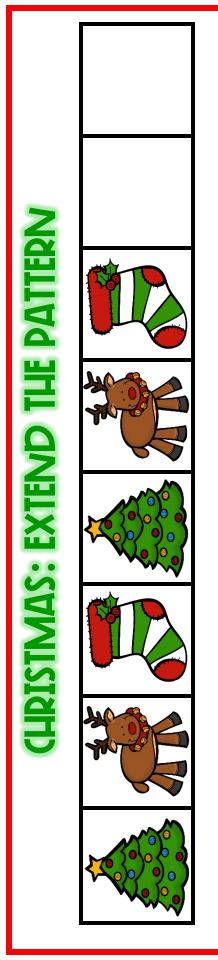


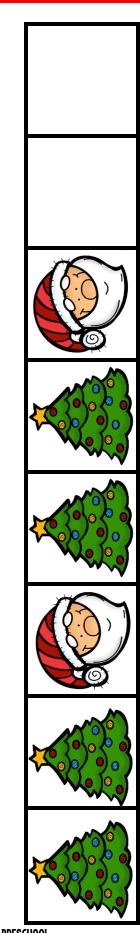


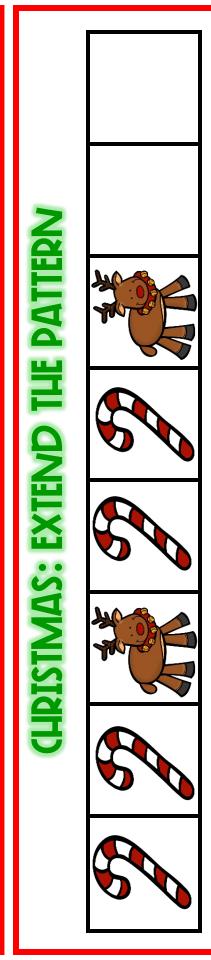


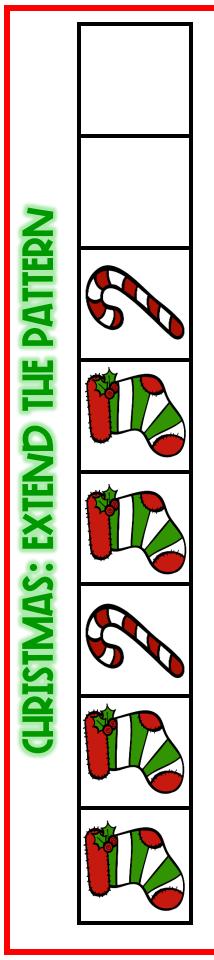


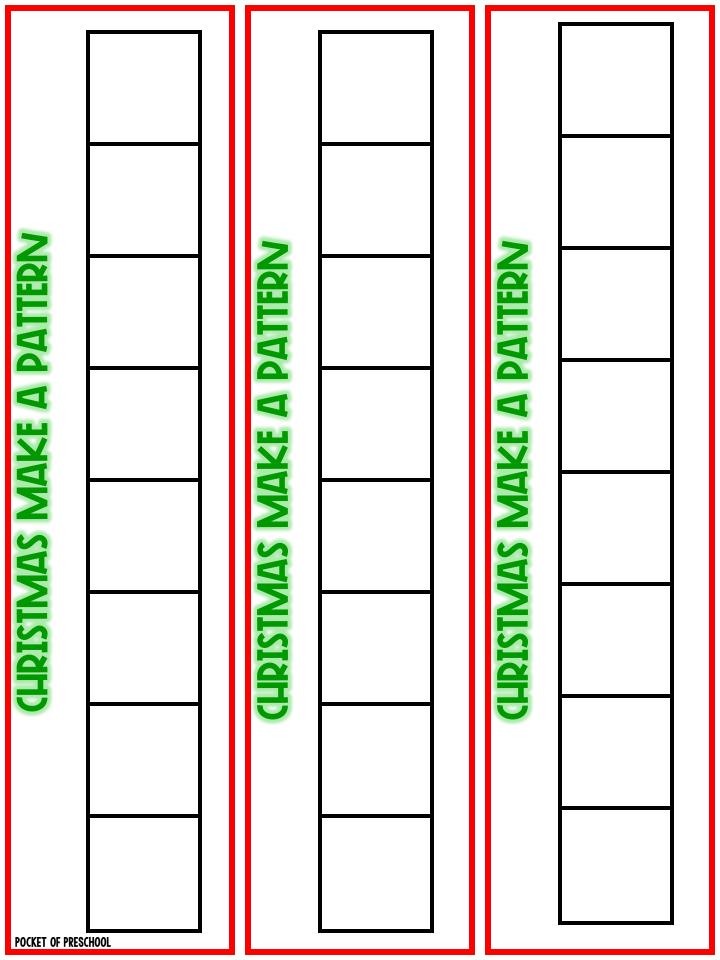




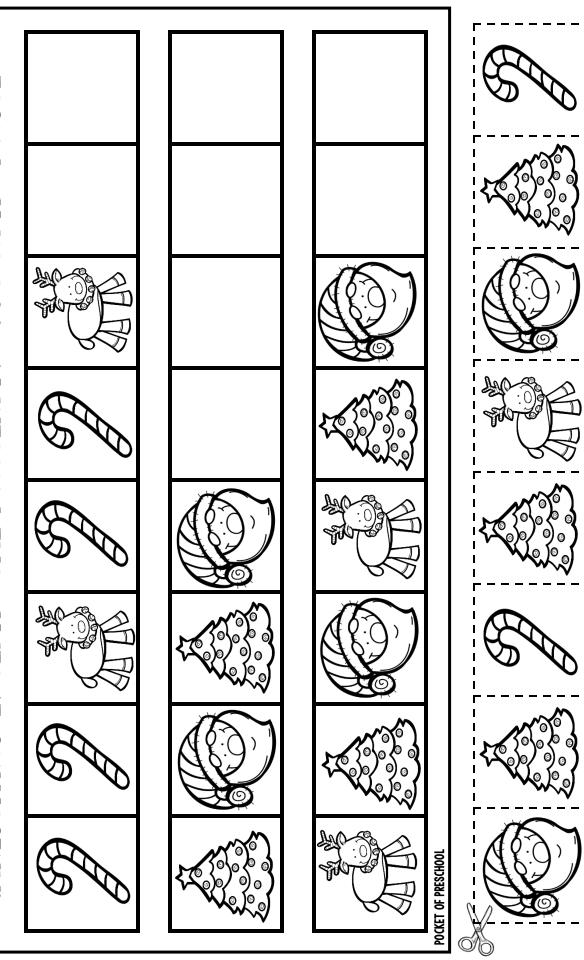








## CUT AND PASTE CHRISTMAS EXTEND THE PATTERN:



## present match & measure

## non standard measurement

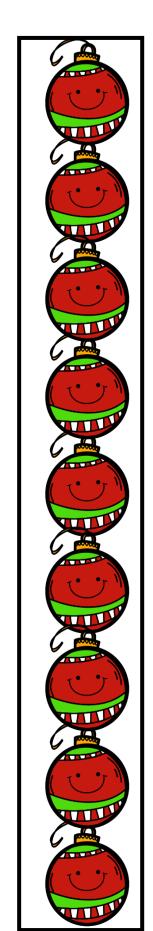
Print, laminate, and cut apart the cards. Print the presents on colored paper for added fun.
Students can use ornament rulers, mini marshmallows, pompoms, jewels, connecting cubes, or any other counters you have to measure.

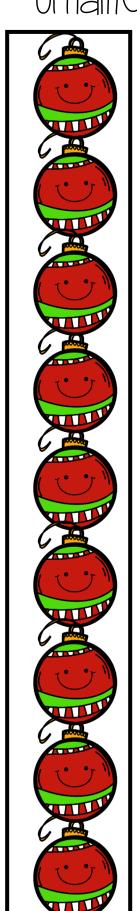
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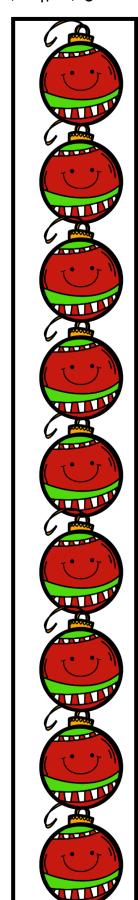
Students measure by repeating the use of a single object or by using the ornament rulers. Last, students match the item with the matching size present.

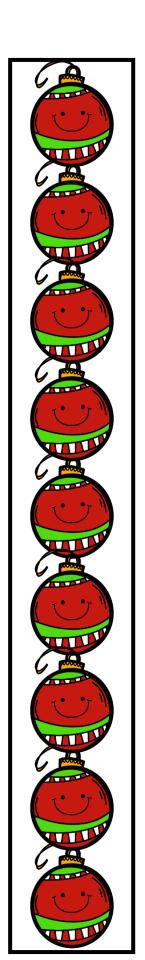


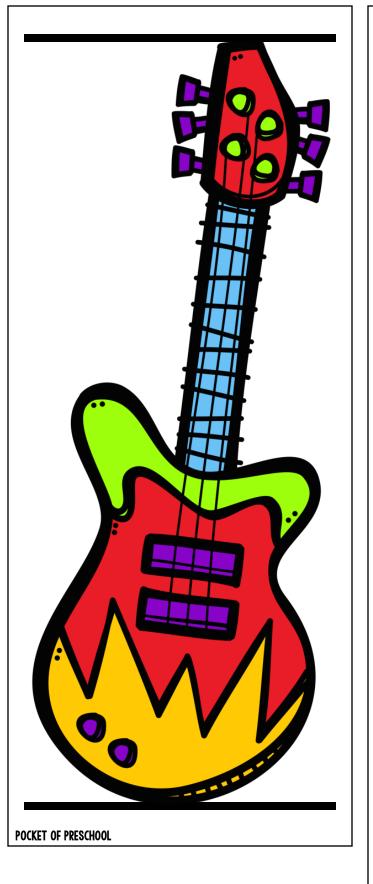
## ornament rulers

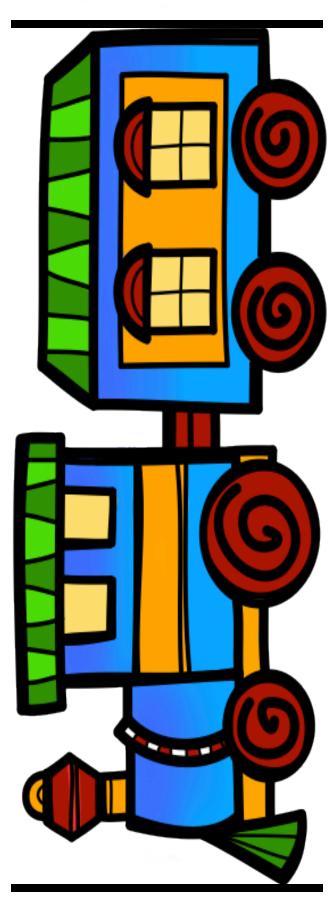


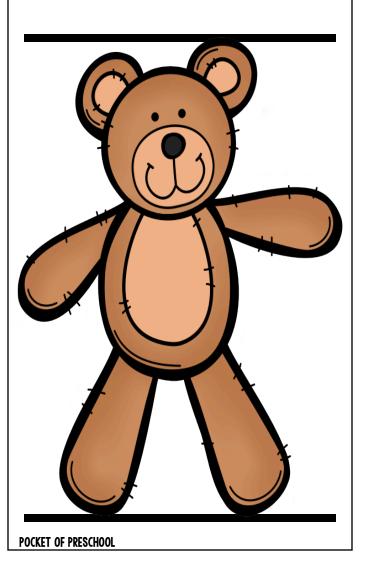


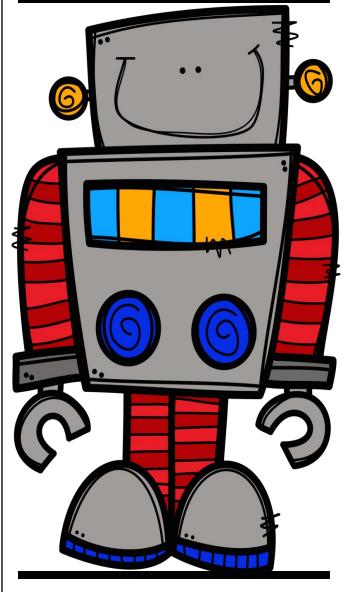


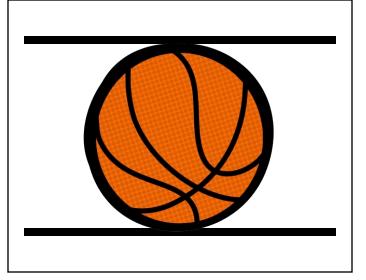


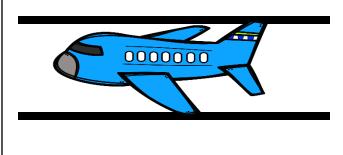


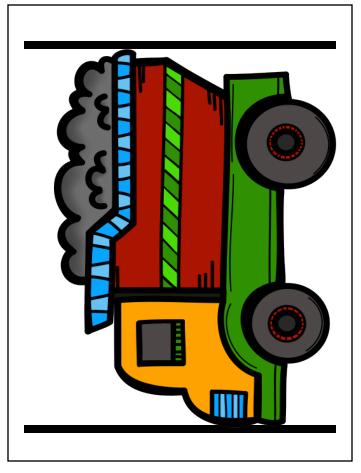


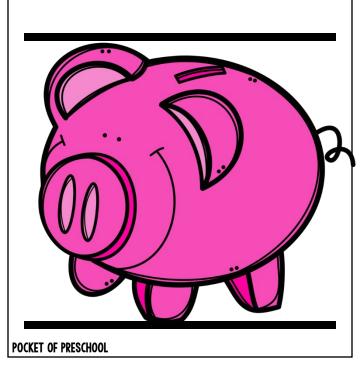


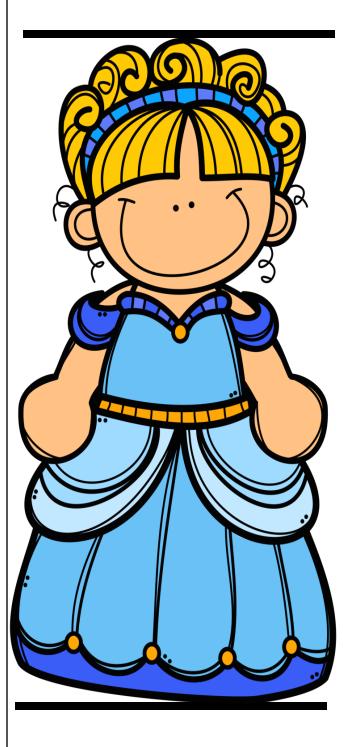


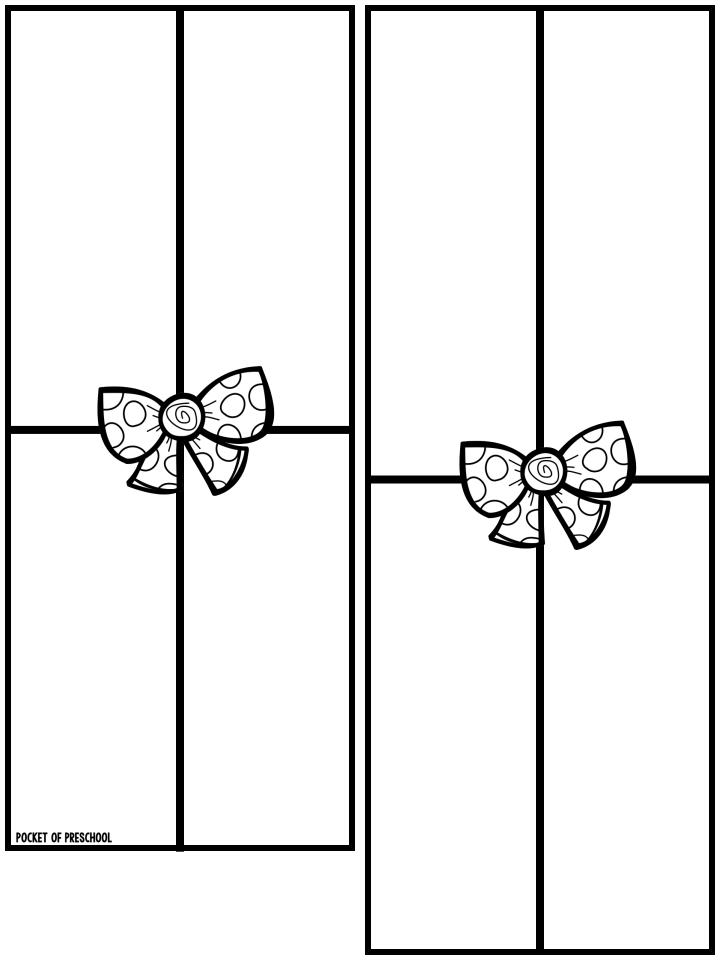


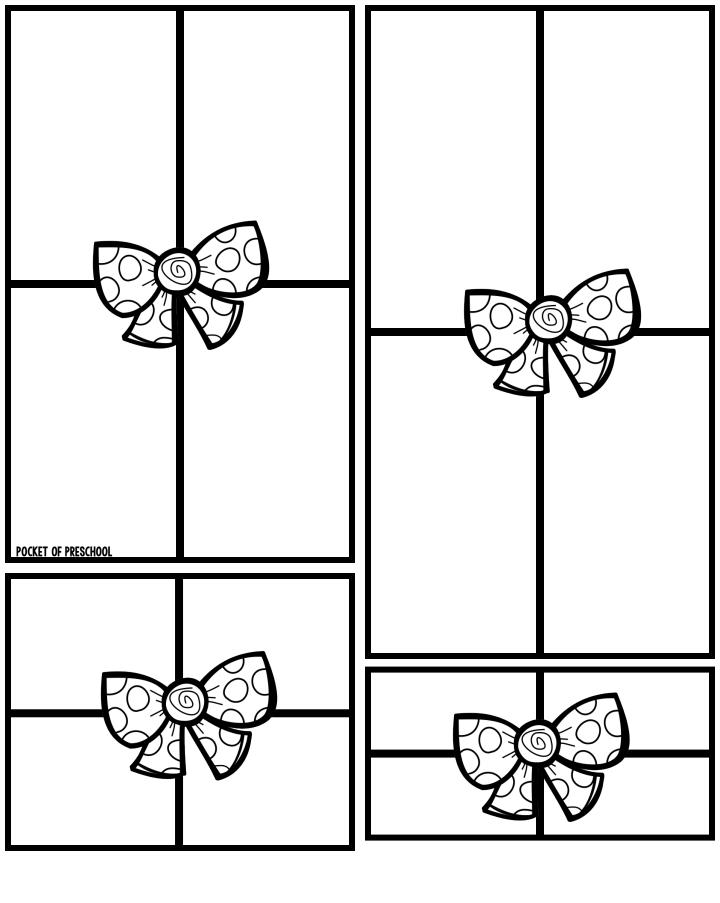


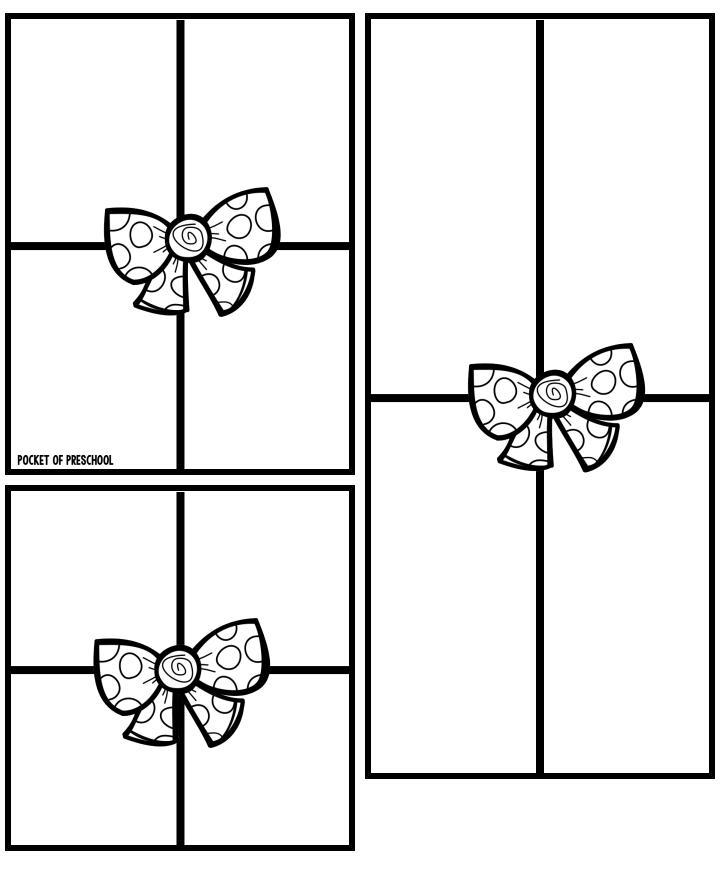






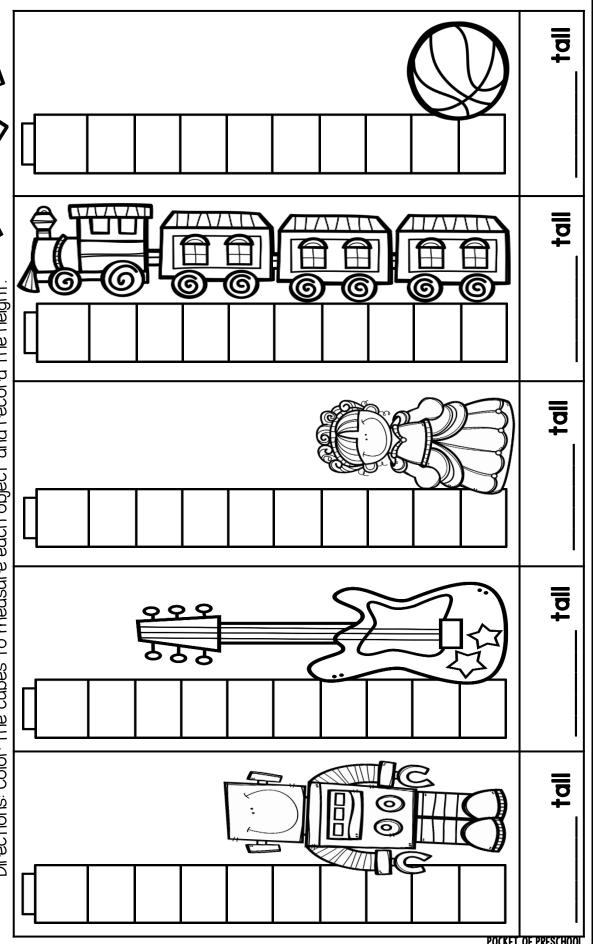






## TOY Measure





## ornament sort

Print and laminate the boards. There are sorting by size, shape, and color boards included. Use the included paper ornaments, shape buttons, pom poms, or real ornaments.

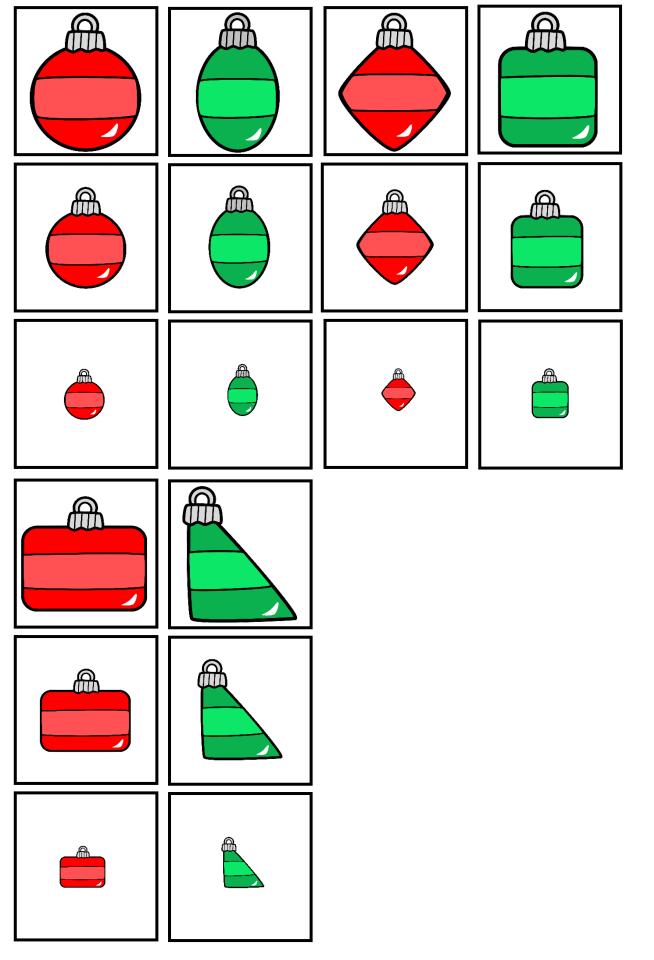
## Add Fine Motor Work!

TWEEZERS: to pick up the manipulatives (optional)

## How to Play

Students sort the ornaments and manipulatives on the sorting boards.





## Color by Size Name:

## baking up 2d shapes

Have fun and explore 2D shapes! Place the Shape Mats on a cookie tray and use a spatula to pick a card for extra fun! There are two levels of play: board with simple shapes (heart, circle), board with tricky shapes (hexagon, octagon).

## Board Options:

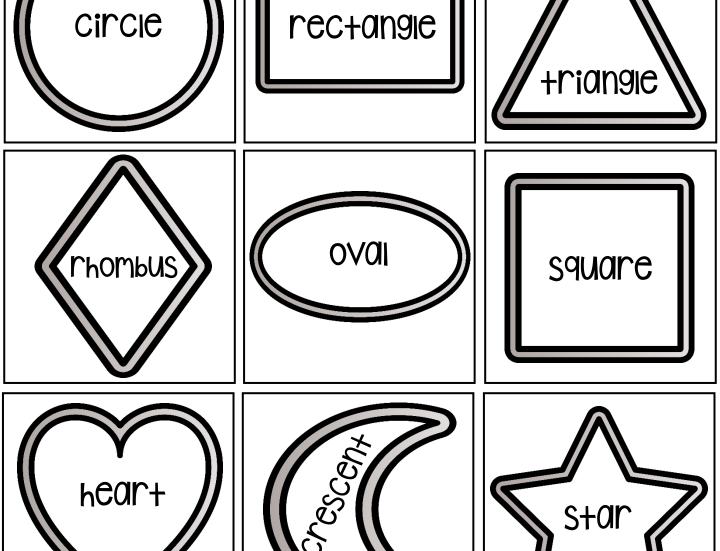
- Print on paper for one time use. Student's dot, trace, or color the shape cookies.
- 2. Print and laminate the board or place in a dry erase pocket. Students use manipulatives to cover the cookies.

Manipulative Ideas: Christmas mini erasers, gems, cubes, pom poms, or playdough (add Christmas sprinkles)!

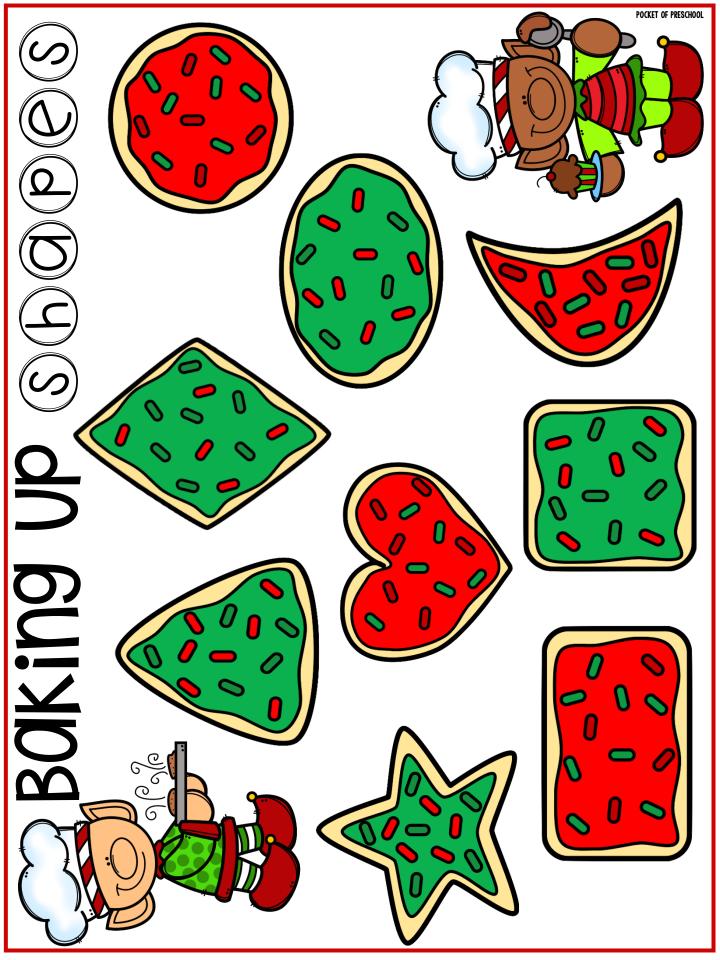
How to Play: Students pick a cookie cutter shape card and cover the matching shape.

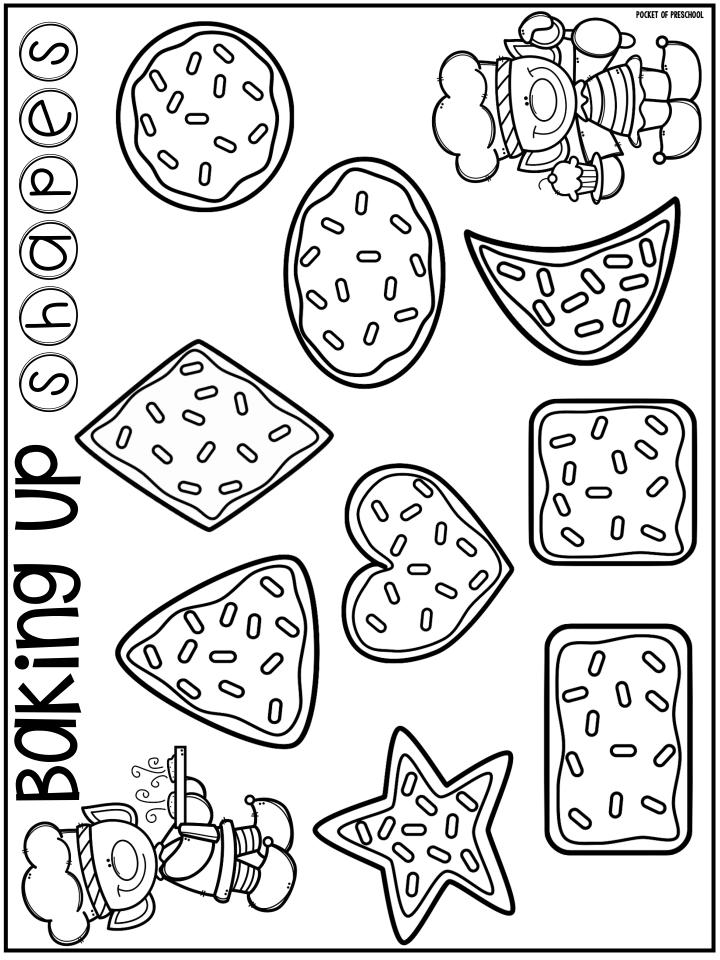


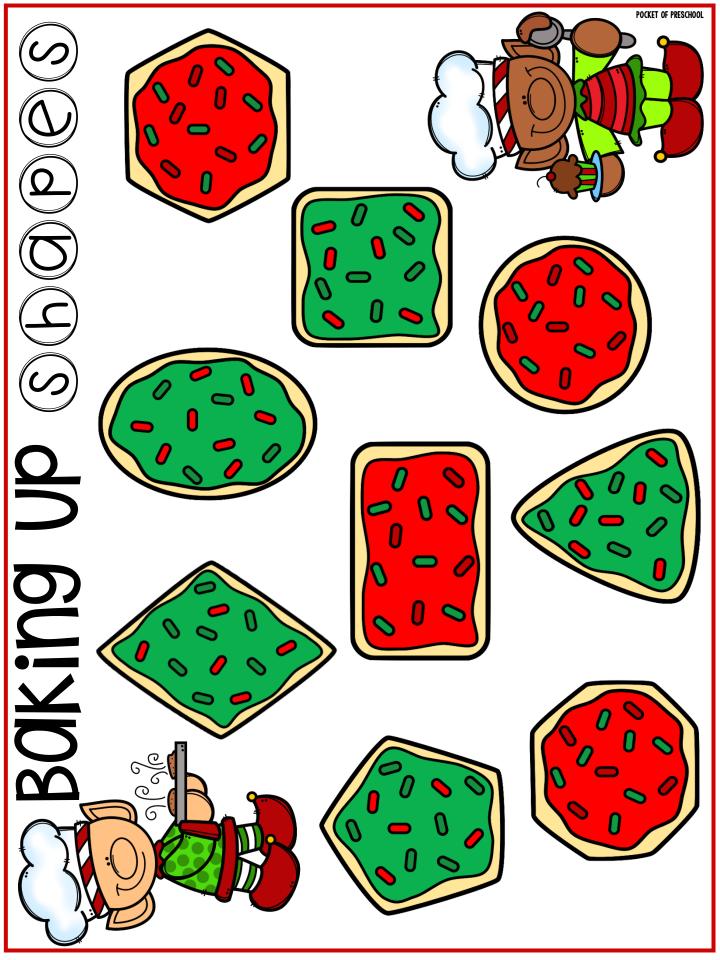


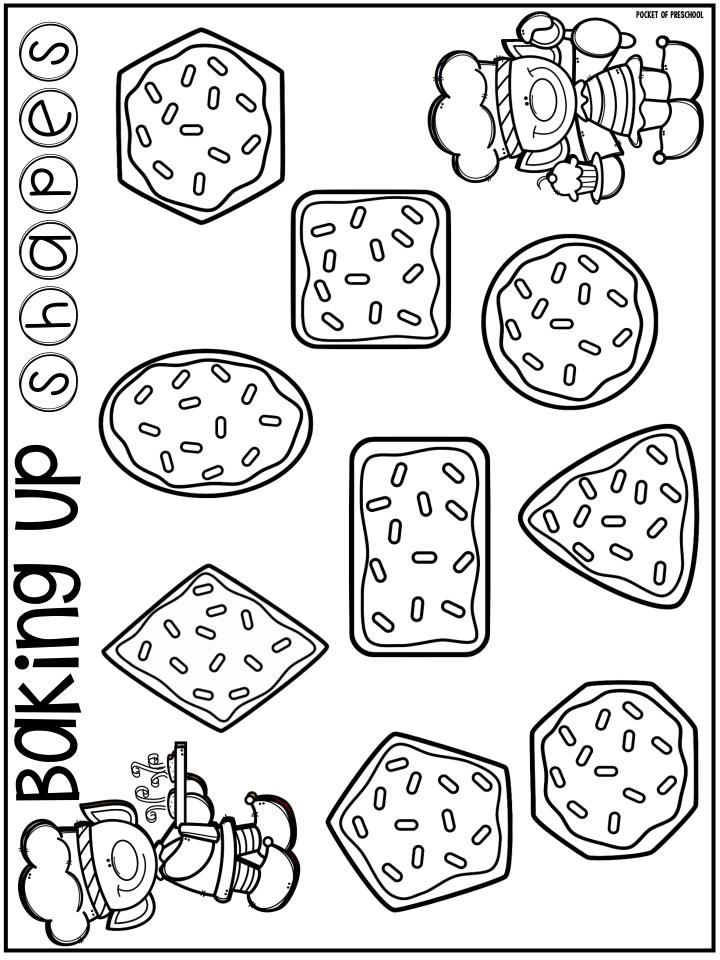


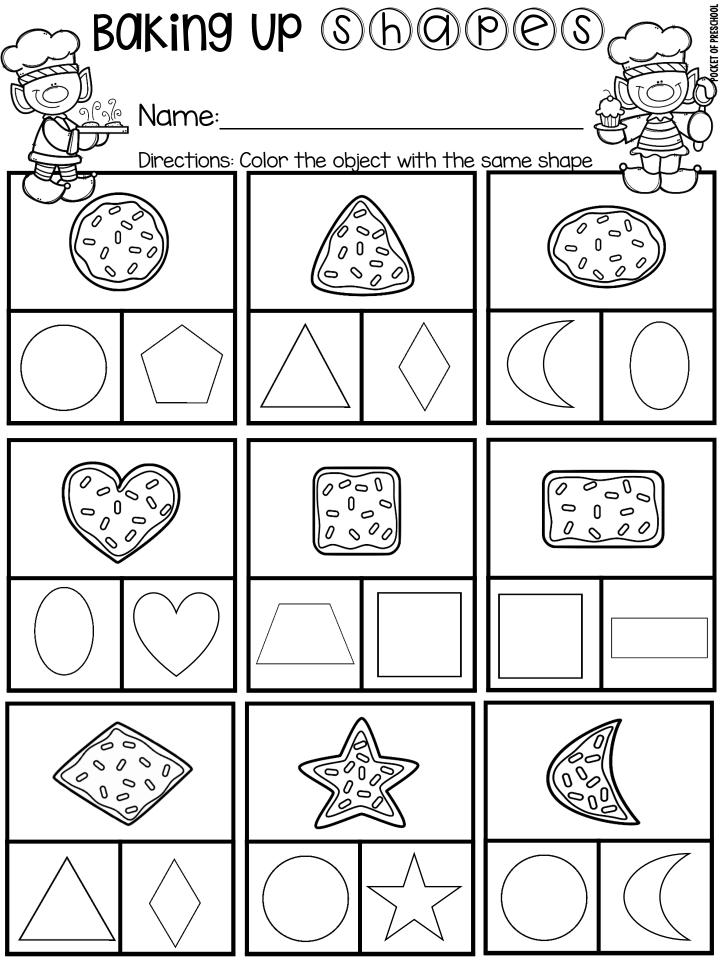


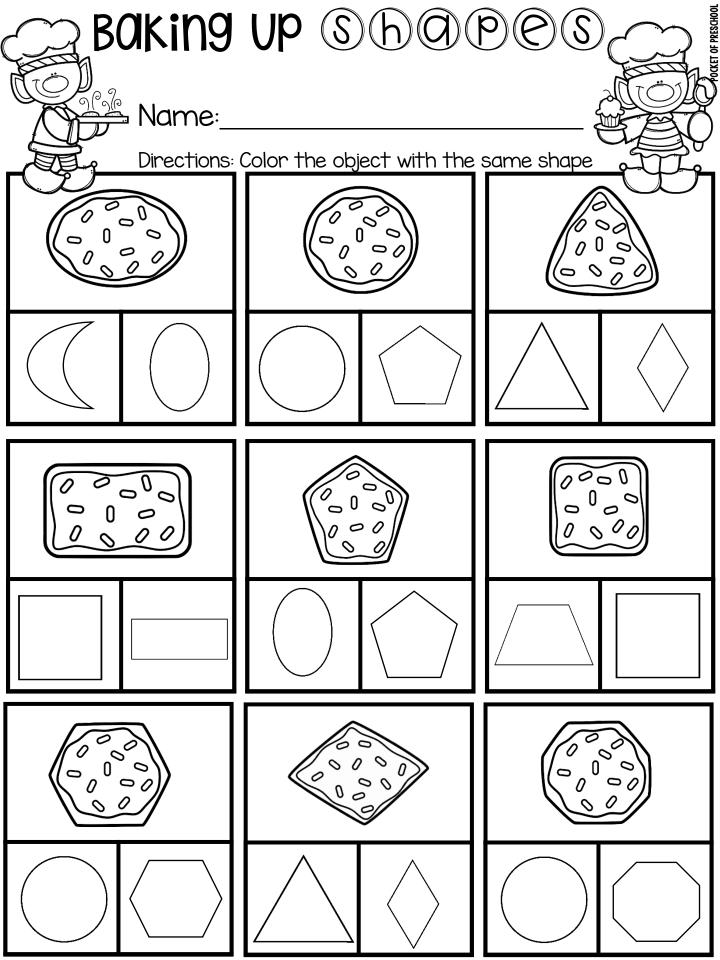












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