



## Eric Carle's My Very First Book of Shapes

### About this Book:

In this timeless new split-page board book, children can find the bottom half of a page that matches the top half. Find the right pairs, and you will learn to identify all kinds of shapes. From dome-shaped ladybugs to diamond-shaped kites, this clever board book makes learning fun.

### **Birth - 1 year old:**

- Show the child the bright colors in the pictures.
- Prompt the child to point and name the pictures.
- Allow the child to assist by turning the pages and flaps.
- Talk about the colors and shapes.
- Encourage the child to use their finger to trace shapes.
- Sing songs/rhymes about shapes.

### **The Square Song** Sung to: "You are my Sunshine"

I am a Square, a lovely Square,

I have four sides, they're all the same.

I have four corners, four lovely corners,

I am a Square, that is my name.

### **2-4 years old:**

- Ask questions: Can you name some of the shapes you remember from the story?
- Ask the child to find things shaped like a circle, square, triangle (ex. clock).
- Extend the child's responses by discussing the dimensions of each shape.
- Point and name shapes.
- Practice using a pencil/crayon to form shapes.
- Use yarn/pipe cleaner to form shapes.