



# TOY & RESOURCE CENTER BUILDING BLOCKS

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- Sort blocks by shape, observe attributes, count, and encounter a great sensory experience!
- Vocabulary and categorization skills will blossom with the visuals found inside each block.
- *Sloooowly* press down on the turtle's head and the music may lead to dancing which improves spatial awareness, balance, and more!
- As the turtle shell rises, blocks contained within will spill onto the floor. Time to tidy up! Cleaning provides children with a sense of responsibility for their environment and encourages teamwork. Best of all—the process can be *turtle-y* fun!
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- 1 Granny Smith apple
- 6 green grapes
- 4 mini chocolate chips

Slice the apples in half and place them on plates. Slice 4 grapes in half and apply them to the apple as flippers. Slice one-third of the remaining 2 grapes and place them as the head. Pierce two holes in the “head” and insert the pointed end of the chips into the holes for eyes. You can also use peanut butter or cream cheese to adhere the eyes. Enjoy!

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