

Hi-Write™ Dot-To-Dot

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Introduction

Created by our own team working with early writers who have difficulty with traditional connect the dot activities, the Hi-Write Dot-to-Dot offers a successful way for children to begin working on tracing, and starting and stopping on a target in a more guided manner. Hi-Write Dot-to-Dot features a hi-lighted yellow line from numbers 1 to 3 and easy graphics, numbers and designs. Connect the dots activities are a wonderful tool for encouraging number recognition, pre-writing skills, crossing midline and visual tracking skills and the Hi-Write Dot-To-Dot is sure to keep your students asking for more!



Product Use

Hi-Write Dot-to-Dots can be used in one-on-one sessions, small group sessions, or in the classroom during prewriting and visual-motor activities. Here are a few ideas for getting started:

1. See if the child can identify the object in the picture before completing the connect-the-dots design.
2. Have the child use Wikki Stix, (not included) rolled out snakes of Play-Doh or Theraputty (not included) or yarn to follow the highlighted lines of the designs.
3. Have child use a different color to draw from one number to the next. This can help encourage a clear starting and stopping on each dot and support the concept of sequencing.
4. Let the child trace the shapes with their fingers first before tracing with a pencil. Make sure they are starting and stopping on the dots!
5. Tape a cut-out race car form to the top of the pencil and have the child 'drive' his car on the 'road' of each design.

Modifications:

This paper may be used on a slantboard for improved visual orientation for the child and to encourage postural stability and appropriate pencil grasp during writing activities.

Recommended Products

Here are some helpful products to supplement use of the Hi-Write Dot-to-Dot:

1. Wikki Stix: (item # 102980) reusable waxed thread that is great for molding and shaping.
2. Theraputty: (assorted items and colors) wheat, gluten and casein free molding clay
3. Abilitations Slantscript BigBoard: (item # 109899) portable Plexiglas desk top slantboard...