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Patterns

Why It's Important: Pattern play is important because it teaches children to make predictions based on observation, and that's a really important math skill. Learning about patterns is the first step to learning more complex math and coding.

Everyday Tips: Pattern play is so fun once kids understand the concept. Point out patterns in your bathroom tile, on boxes in grocery stores, etc. Once you start looking for them together, you'll see them everywhere! Pattern play prepares them for adding and subtracting, and will give them a big early math boost!

Activity: For this activity, you can use anything from toys to dry goods in your kitchen. Create a pile of items like Lego bricks, dry pasta, beans, etc. and ask your child to sort them into groups (sorting is also a great early math skill!). Then, ask your child to create a pattern with the objects like red Lego, green Lego, red, Lego, green Lego or pasta, pasta, bean, pasta, pasta, bean. You can do this activity anywhere; at snack time, have your child make a pattern out of their apple slices and grapes. Have fun creating patterns with your little one!