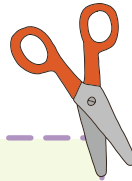


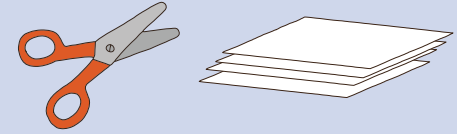
# • ANIMAL MATCHING GAME •

This animal matching game is great for playing together. Matching games provide preschoolers with the opportunity to practice focus, memory, and matching skills.



## What you'll need:

- Scissors
- 8 1/2 x 11 white paper (for printing)



## INSTRUCTIONS FOR CAREGIVER AND CHILD:

1. Print out the Animal Matching Game.
2. Cut out each card along the dotted lines. If your child can cut by themselves, ask them to practice their scissor skills by cutting out the cards. If they are not ready to use scissors, you can hold their hand and cut the cards together.
3. Now you are ready to Play With a Purpose. Place each individual card face down and mix them up.
4. Flip over one card and then flip over another. If they match, pull the cards to the side. If they don't, turn both cards back over.
5. Then it is the next player's turn.
6. Keep playing until all pairs of cards are matched. Everyone wins when you play together! The time spent playing together reinforces important skills and strengthens your connection.

Making crafts and doing activities is always fun! But remember, Playing With a Purpose is being actively engaged in your child's play. These activities are intended to enjoy together at the same time you ensure your child's safety and offer help as needed.

