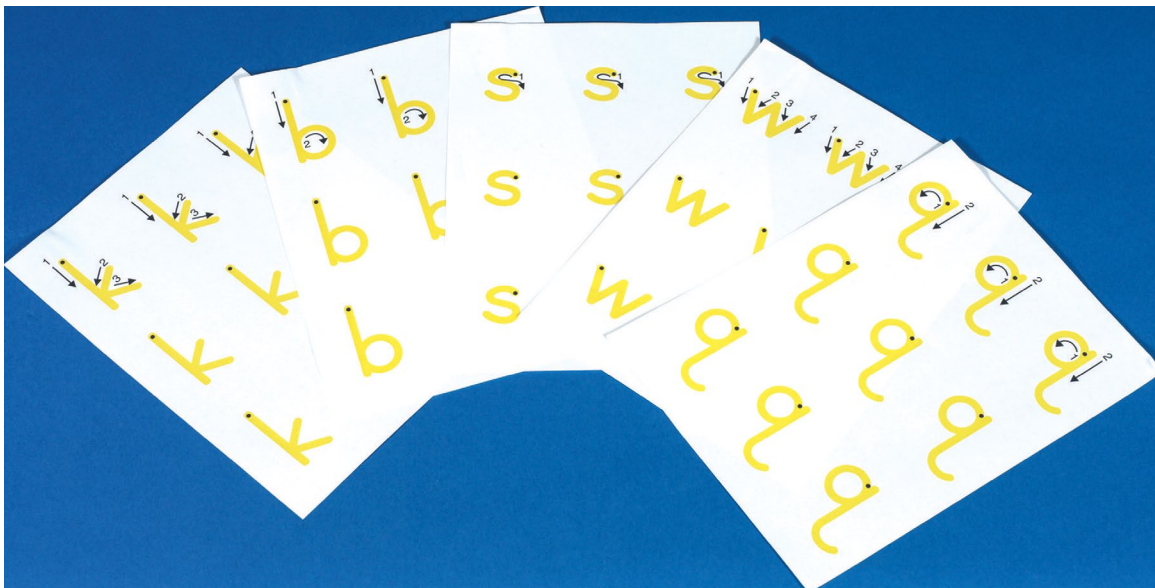


Hi-Write Uppercase & Lowercase Letters Guide

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Introduction

Hi-Write Uppercase and Lowercase Highlighted Letters and Numbers were designed on the premise that a highlighted visual cue is a successful guide for children with visual-motor delays or learning difficulties. The idea of tracing within the highlighted line with control and accuracy, along with having a bold black border in which to confine markings, is an appealing challenge to beginning writers who are just learning correct letter formation and general legibility, but do not yet need to be concerned with orientation on and within a writing line.

Product Use

The Letters and Numbers are ideal for children who are practicing correct letter and number formation but do not need to worry about orientation of their written work on and within the writing lines. The visual cues of the highlighted line, the black border, and the starting dots and directional arrows provide children with multiple cues to help with mastery of letter formation. The ability to erase and reuse these letters makes them ideal for individual use during center time, use within a classroom, or for a traveling or itinerant therapist.

Objectives

Letters and Numbers work on improving fine-motor control, tracking, visual attention to task, correct letter and number formation, and eye-hand coordination.

Activities

1. Use different-colored markers to make “rainbow” letters and numbers by tracing multiple times.
2. Choose letters that spell the child’s name and have the child trace each letter in order.
3. Match up the correct number of manipulatives or gather a group of children to represent the number being traced.
4. Spread the letters or numbers out along the length of the table or along the floor and have the children rotate through in order.

Modifications

Place cards on a vertical or inclined surface to help develop an appropriate pencil grasp and proper wrist positioning.



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