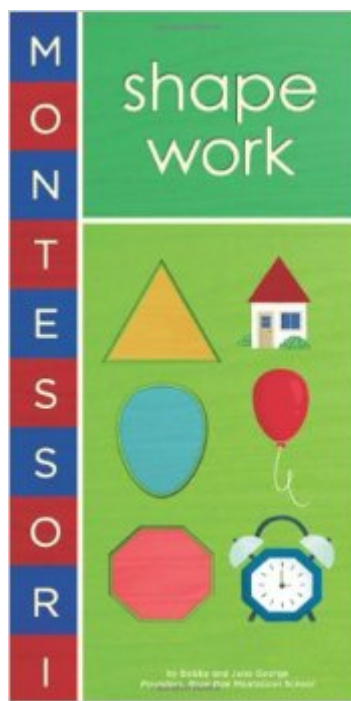


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# Montessori: Shape Work



## Synopsis

As with all things Montessori, students begin with the concrete and move to the abstract. When learning shapes, Montessori students first develop an understanding of the spatial object in comparison to other shapes and a relevant application for each shape "before learning the names. Inspired by this process, Montessori: Shape Work offers readers die-cut shapes to trace with their fingers, grouped by family for comparison, and illustrated with a familiar object for relevancy. Featured shapes include three triangles (equilateral, isosceles, right-angled); three rounds (circle, oval, ellipse); three parallelograms (square, rectangle, rhombus); and three polygons (pentagon, hexagon, octagon). With a letter to parents included, this third Montessori board book joins Montessori: Letter Work and Montessori: Number Work in a growing library of original concept books.

## Book Information

Series: Montessori

Board book: 18 pages

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Age Range: 3 - 5 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

## Customer Reviews

I have several other books in this series so decided to purchase this one on shapes. I am using it to teach my toddler his shapes. This is a cardboard book which is perfect for a small child. The pages are thick and easy for the child to turn. The colors and images are large and colorful. The majority of the images are flat instead of textured. I would have preferred it to be more textured. I also don't like

when the pages are open wide you see different shapes together. For a small child it is easier to only see one shape type at a time. One thing I really like is how they put a picture to represent shapes such as the pentagon on the soccer ball. I found the rhombus on the shirt; however, to be a little too advanced for a toddler to understand. This is a cute book, well made, just needs a little more designing on the layout and way the shapes are put into the book.

Great idea and colors. My daughter loved this book the moment she saw it and wanted to explore it with me right away. Shapes cut out and finished smoothly on the cover..., but not on the inside. Finishing on the inside pages is totally different - borders are sharp. She cut her finger on the second page, while following the border of one of the shapes with her finger.

I love the concept of this book, but it isn't very fun. Great construction and good idea, but there aren't very many pages and only some have the inset shapes. I was certain my son, who LOVES BOOKS, would really enjoy this one. He hasn't picked it up off of the shelf once. In my opinion, a dud of a purchase.. especially for the price.

This is a GREAT teaching book. It's worth the price (I paid \$9). The shapes are presented by categories (triangles, rounds, parallelograms and polygons). Each shape has a traceable outline (textured). Each shape (12 total) has a picture associated with it, "to provide context" as to how shapes are all around us in our lives. I also highly recommend the "letter work" and "number work" companion books. Tracing helps children develop fine motor skills needed for writing and I've noticed my daughter's drawing/writing ability has become more precise as we have used these books.

My son, 10 months, loved the alphabet book in this series, so I bought the shapes and numbers books to see how he'd like them. He loved this book! He is a very tactile child, and loved tracing the shapes in this book.

I bought these books for my 2 year old. In a month, she could tell me the different parallelograms and triangles! Look and feel books are great for toddlers. She impresses when she says, "Look Mommy, an octagon!" at a stop sign, or "There's a triangle!" within other objects. I was a Montessori kid. I attended from Pre-K thru 6th grade. I cherish every moment of my Montessori experience as well as the incomparable education I received. The style of learning is spectacular, and these books

meet the standard.

My two year old loves these books. She spends hours reading and tracing them. What a great idea for busy little hands.

Love this series of books - the textured outlines help the kids "feel" the shapes. We also have the counting and ABC's version - that was the only way I was able to get my first two kids to learn their phonics (with the ABC book)

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