

# 10 FUN WAYS TO PLAY WITH DOT MARKERS

## 1 || Free Printables!

Have kids use them to decorate printable Do-A-Dot picture templates (you can find many of these free printables online).

## 2 || Connect the Dots

Let kids make dots all over their paper and then use a pen or pencil to connect the dots! For an even bigger visual motor and visual perception challenge, use the matching colored marker to connect all of the dots of the same color.

## 3 || Play with Manipulatives

Have kids make dots on a piece of paper and then place matching colored manipulatives onto each dot for some great grasping and in-hand manipulation work.

## 4 || Tic Tac Toe

Make a grid on a piece of paper and give two kids two different colored dot markers. Have them use their colored dots instead of Xs and Os.

## 5 || Letter Formation Practice

Use dot markers to make colored dots as starting points to show kids where to start each letter during handwriting practice.

## 6 || Creative Drawing

Have kids make dots all over their papers. Use pens and pencils to add details to each dot to turn them into different objects – try making them into faces, animals, or little monsters!

## 7 || Counting Practice

Write a number at the top of a piece of paper. Have kids make the corresponding number of dots on the page. Then, have kids count the dots again, placing a manipulative on each one (flat-sided marbles, plastic counters, coins, buttons etc.).

## 8 || Patterning

Use dot markers to help kids grasp the concept of creating and continuing patterns with the colors.

## 9 || Dot and Cut

Give kids practice with scissors by having them make dots on their paper to create outlines of different shapes (triangles, rectangles, circles, squares). Then, when the shape is complete, have kids cut them out with scissors. For younger kids, have them make dots along a straight line to practice continuous cutting.

## 10 || Direction-Following

Use the dot markers to work on direction-following, directional concepts, and auditory processing. Give instructions and have kids follow them using their dot markers (e.g. "Put a red dot at the top of your paper, put a blue dot below the red dot, put a yellow dot to the left of the blue dot").