

# Hopscotch Counting

**Goal:** To skip count while playing hopscotch.

**You will need:**

- Chalk
- Open area outside
- Small marker (small stone, beanbag, shell, button)

**How to play:**

- Draw a hopscotch. Let your child decide if they want to use rectangles, squares, circles, or triangles (or a mix) when drawing the hopscotch. Draw 10 spaces in a line. Two shapes can be drawn side by side as part of the line.
- Label the inside of each individual shape by fours. ie. 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24, 28, 32, 36, 40
- Play hopscotch with a twist!
  - Toss the marker and try to make it land within the hopscotch. If it goes outside of the hopscotch spaces, throw the marker again until it lands inside!
  - Hop through the shapes, skipping the one that the marker landed on. Count aloud by fours as you hop!
    - You can't have more than one foot on the floor at a time, unless two shapes are right next to each other.
    - After you reach the end, turn around and pick up your marker on the way back!

**To think about:**

- What if the design was not in a straight line? What if the design was in a spiral direction or in a square. Create a new hopscotch design! Can you play a similar game, but label the spaces by 3s, 5s, or 6s?

