



# Popsicle Memory Game

## Episode 18

### Introduction

If you're trying to beat the heat by thinking cool thoughts, this craft is for you. A memory game made of popsicle-shaped cards is not only cool; it can also help your child develop necessary skills! By playing memory games, your child not only improves their memory, but practices recognizing patterns, shapes, and symbols, which are all great pre-literacy skills.



### Supplies

- Colored paper or cardstock
- Several kinds of patterned/wrapping paper
- Popsicle sticks
- Tape or glue
- Scissors
- Popsicle template (page 3)

### Instructions

1. Cut out popsicle backings: Use the popsicle template (page 3) to trace and cut out 10 popsicle cards, so they all need to be one color. Cut carefully so they'll all appear the same!
  - a. Note: Sources for patterned paper—To make the popsicle fronts, you'll need five or more different patterns of paper. Use wrapping paper, wallpaper, magazines, or print out patterned background images found online.
2. Cut out popsicle fronts: Use the template to trace and cut out popsicle fronts on your patterned paper; cut two popsicle shapes for each type of pattern or paper. Be precise when cutting!

### Additional Resources

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### Instructions, continued

3. Stick it together: Using glue or tape, stick a popsicle stick to the popsicle backing; try to make the placement of the popsicle sticks the same on each card. Tape or glue the popsicle fronts on top of the popsicle backs and popsicle sticks; line up the edges carefully, then trim any excess part of the fronts so they can't be seen when flipped to the back.



Trace and cut popsicle backs and fronts.



Attach popsicle sticks to backs...



...Then attach fronts, lining up edges carefully.



Trim fronts so they cannot be seen when flipped.

### How to Use Your Popsicle Memory Game

Flip all the popsicles so that their uniformly-colored back is facing up. Let your child flip over one popsicle, then another; if these popsicles match, put the pair off to the side; if they don't match, flip both popsicles over to their plain sides and start again. Repeat until all the pairs have been matched. For an alternate challenge, write letters or numbers on your popsicle pairs instead of using patterned paper. Your little one will be set to recognize patterns and improve their memory. Enjoy this sweet learning treat!

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# TEMPLATES

## POPSICLE TEMPLATE

*Cut at least ten (10) in one solid color;*

*Cut two (2) in at least five different colors or patterns*

