



Marigold's Mathemagics

Math is everywhere—finding it is fun!



- 16 x 3 minutes / web
- Preschool

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This delightful series of fun shorts imparts math awareness in a concrete way for preschoolers. Featuring real children and an animated Marigold (of *Polka Dot Door* and *Polka Dot Shorts* fame), programs explore the world of 2-D and 3-D shapes, such as square, cone, cube, and sphere, as well as spatial relationships such as heavy/light, up/down, and above/below.

Children see that math is everywhere and learn to recognize examples in their everyday life — from pizza slices (the yummiest “triangles”) to ice cream “cones;” from bubbles (“spheres”) to bicycle wheels (“circles”). Field trips to special locales such as a farm help children further explore mathematical concepts— as they discover, for instance, that toy animals are “little,” and real animals are “big.”

On the companion web site, **Shapeville**, young children are challenged to pick out specific shapes in different pictures containing simple, recognizable objects, such as cookies, cards, candies, and candles. They gain practice seeing circles, squares, ovals, diamonds, and cubes that are all around them.

This web site has been designed with LapTime activities for a child and a caregiver to experience together.

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