

# Alphabet Toddler Game Kit

## Direcciones

*Gracias* for purchasing the Alphabet Toddler Game Kit from Dos Manos Fun. We hope your Little One finds endless entertainment matching letters, pictures, and sounds!

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#### **Before each activity and as a quick daily ritual:**

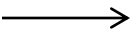
- A. Review the alphabet first with your Little Learner. Then review the alphabet with pictures that correspond to the letter. Remember, your Little Learner is not expected to read at this point, so she/he can only identify the picture if it is familiar to her/him and is relying on you to read the words for the picture aloud. In English you say, "A is for ...." and *en Español* you say, "La A de ....". Review the alphabet and pictures again emphasizing the sound made from each letter. (This will be quick and your Little Learner will probably not sit still for very long, so I suggest reviewing these as a daily routine, for example, over breakfast daily. Repetition is important.)

#### **First Activity Game Mat: Alphabet Letters and Pictures**

1. Review the alphabet as indicated in section A.
2. Lay out all your Game Mats so that all the Alphabet Letters and Pictures Mats are facing up.
3. Divide the Alphabet Letters and Picture Mats into the 3 consecutive sections that correspond with the wooden Alphabet Letters bags A-H, I-O, and P-Z. Your Little Learner is going to match the wooden Alphabet Letter with the letter on the Alphabet Game Mat and it is less daunting to divide the alphabet into sections first.
4. Lay out all the wooden letters from the corresponding bag.
5. Show your Little Learner how to match the wooden letter to the written letter. Be sure to narrate your actions and thought process aloud for your Little Learner. Begin with the small sections of the Alphabet Mats at first and then increase the sections as she/he cognitively develops. I suggest no more than 15 minutes at a time for this game.

#### **Second Activity Game Mat: Pictures and Words**

1. Review the alphabet as indicated in section A.
2. Lay out all your Game Mats so that all the Pictures and Words Mats are facing up. (These are located on the reverse side of the Alphabet Letters and Pictures Mats.)
3. Divide the Picture and Words Mats into the 3 consecutive sections that correspond with the wooden Alphabet Letters A-H, I-O, and P-Z.
4. Lay out all the wooden letters from the corresponding bag.
5. Show your Little Learner how to match the wooden letter with the sound and picture. You should say the name of the picture aloud for her/him. You may repeat the name of the picture and emphasize the sound made by the letter. The words are written as an aid if your Little Learner needs them, but the recognition is mainly done by picture and sound and not letter. Begin with the small sections of the Picture and Word Mats at first and then increase the sections as she/he cognitively develops. I suggest no more than 15 minutes at a time for this game.

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## Third Activity Game Mat : Pictures

1. Review the alphabet as indicated in section A.
2. Lay out all your Game Mats so that all the Picture Mats are facing up.
3. Divide the Picture Game Mats into the 3 consecutive sections that correspond with the wooden Alphabet Letters A-H, I-O, and P-Z.
4. Lay out all the wooden letters from the corresponding bag.
5. Show your Little Learner how to match the wooden letter with the picture. You may or may not wish to say the name of the picture aloud for her/him, but encourage her/him to say the name of the picture and beginning letter sound. Begin with the small sections of the Picture Mats at first and then increase the sections as she/he cognitively develops. I suggest no more than 15 minutes at a time for this game.

## Suggested Actividades:

1. Let your Little Learner play and experiment with the Game Mats with you and without you.
2. Allow your Little Learner to take on the role of Teacher and you be the Student. Mistakes will be made, but that is ok. Have fun pretending with letters, sounds, and pictures.
3. Use the Alphabet Toddler Game Kit Mats exclusively to review *vocabulario en Español!*

## Extension Actividades:

1. Allow your Little Learner to spell out her/his name (if possible) with the wooden letters.
2. Allow your Little Learner to trace the letters.
3. Allow your Little Learner to trace the letters to spell out her/his name.