

# Egg Carton Colour Game

**Materials:** Egg cartons, colour swatches in a range of colours, hot glue gun

**Procedure: (Focus Attention)** This game is a winner. It is wonderful for children of all ages and while at first, it may seem incredibly simple, it is one of those activities that becomes addictive and enthralling.

1) First, you will need to go to a paint store to pick up a range of colour swatches, then cut them into small squares that will fit into the bottom of the egg cartons. Preparing the egg cartons, by cutting off their tops and gluing one colour into each each egg cup. Try to give as much variety to each carton. However, it is fun to include different shades of the same colour, especially green.

2) Give each child a carton and explain that the goal of the activity is to find items from nature that match the colours in their egg carton. Impress upon them that the goal is to match the colours as closely as possible and that even though there is likely an abundance of green visible, there are so many shades of green, as well as hidden shades of pink, orange, etc all around. Discuss what colours they think may be tricky and remind them to take only small samples. Then let them explore.

3) Once the activity is underway, I like to move from child to child. See how they are doing and offer suggestions or help them find a particularly troubling. I usually take a carton for myself and show the children how I am progressing to help them understand the goal.



