



Ladybug Spots

By Nancy Stewart

When children learn to count, it's usually by rote, meaning they've memorized the order the numbers go in without understanding what they mean. Therefore, it is important to give them many opportunities to make this abstract concept concrete. This helps them begin to realize that each object in a group can be counted once and only once. That's just what they'll do with all of the spots on this cute little ladybug.

WHAT THEY LEARN

One to one correspondence, rhyming, color recognition

WHAT YOU NEED

- Ladybug Spots Visual
- Felt Board

WHAT TO DO

- Tell the children it is time to count the black spots on the red ladybug.
- Sing the song below.
- While the song is being sung, place some spots on the ladybug without the children seeing. Then turn the flannel board around for them to see.
- Questions to ask:
 - How many black spots does the red ladybug have?
 - Count with me.
- Sing the song several times, changing the number of spots each time.

LYRICS

Ladybug, here's what we can do
We can count the spots on you



Music Therapy Connection

Some students may benefit from the additional tactile input of taking a turn at the felt board to touch each dot as they count. You could also use number flash cards to help create an association of the numeral with the number of dots.

Ladybug Spots Template

Trace the template below onto felt or print and laminate the ladybug below!! Affix tape to the spots to make sure they stick.

