

The
Early Years Count
Literacy
Connection



**Rainbow Colors
Peekaboo!**

DK Edition

Infant/Toddler edition

Overview of Book

This very simple concept book invites babies to explore colors as they look at familiar objects that reflect those colors. Each lift the flap is a 'peek a boo' opportunity, certainly a favorite of babies! The colors are vibrant and rich and include a 'touch and feel' aspect that offers a multi-sensory experience.

Genre: Board book/Concept book/Touch and feel, Lift the flaps

Vocabulary

Books are a rich source of words new to children. Here are some words from *My first bilingual farm* to introduce in your classroom:

Color names

Umbrella Flower

Blanket Leaf

Rainbow

Each time you read the book, highlight 2 or 3 words.

Use age-appropriate definitions and/or refer to the illustrations to help children understand each word's meaning.

Use the new words throughout the day, reminding children, "That's a word from our story!"

**Connecting with
HighScope Curriculum**

COR Advantage

Science and
Technology

Item DD

*(Natural and physical
world)*

Item BB

*(Observing and
classifying)*

Social and Emotional
Development

Item E

*(Building relationships with
adults)*

Reading Tips

Some of the colors of the rainbow are presented here—in familiar objects and with happy children. The touch and feel and lift the flaps elements invite exploration and action. The 'peek a boo' game on each page is something that most infants truly enjoy. Colors are an abstract concept, but even young infants are beginning to notice differences among colors of objects.

Three readings are recommended to familiarize children with the story. During each reading the adult can introduce new vocabulary words, pose open-ended questions, and engage children in activities that make the story "come alive."

Throughout the Routine

Refer to the book throughout the day and use new vocabulary words in meaningful ways. Active engagement with the story helps the content come alive.

At a Group Time play peek a boo!

At a Group Time with materials offer children sorting bowls and large counting bears of different colors. See if they begin to sort by color. Or invite children to paint or draw with many different colors.

Play a hide and seek game where you might hide objects of different colors and encourage the children to find objects of that color.

Around the Room

Highlight the book's content and build on the children's excitement in a variety of locations.

Look around your room, assessing the colors represented. Think about gathering objects of similar colors and inviting children to explore the similarities and differences. Gather natural materials too, flowers, stones, sticks, sponges, and other objects that are different colors.

In the Toy Area, add counting bears and even bowls or create your own sorting materials with egg cartons and different colors of dots. Watch to see if children might match objects by color.

Active Engagement

Reading with infants and toddlers is all about relationship, connection, and words.

Understanding that objects have colors is fairly abstract, but infants can begin to repeat your words as you name the colors and objects on the page. This book might be best used with one or two babies at a time since they will want to touch the pages and lift the flaps! Leaving this book out in the Book Area will likely make it a favorite go-to, a book that children will likely want to bring to you to enjoy with them.

For more information on how to use books and stories with children to enhance your curriculum, contact
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Since many children in our county will have this book at home, use it to further the home-school connection. In your daily contact—in person or by text, email or other notes home—encourage families to share *Play with me* with their children. Here's a sample message you can send:

Even fairly young infants are entranced by and sometimes even captured by colors in the world around us. The vibrant colors, happy faces, and touch and feel/lift the flap elements will invite active exploration of objects of different colors. Infants can't get enough of peek a boo, so be ready to have fun with that too!