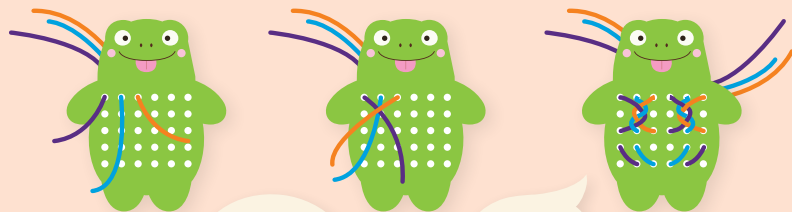


## FREE PLAY

Let your child play as they please! There are endless ways to play and learn with this lacing playset's versatile pieces—little ones can tinker with the laces, play dress-up with the outfits, or immerse themselves in imaginative pretend play with the animals. Kids can build confidence and creativity through self-directed play!



Try using the picture book as a background for pretend play!

Learn how to braid with the laces!



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### Let's Tie a Knot!

In order to tie a knot, kids need to apply their fine motor, attention, and memory skills. Kids can practice this complex skill at their own pace using this toy—the animals, outfits, and laces make learning fun! Here are some tips to get your little one started:

Help your child focus by holding the animal in place while they practice.

Make sure the lace's ends are only one or two holes apart—this ensures your child has enough of the lace's length to successfully tie a knot! This spacing also ensures they have enough room to move their hands around.

Use two laces in different colors to help your child distinguish the right and left ends.

Sit next to your child and *show them* how you tie a knot. Your child may find observing and mimicking an action easier than listening to instructions.

**WARNING:**  
CHOKING HAZARD—Small parts.  
Not for children under 3 years.

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Lace Up & Learn™ Animals Play Guide

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Fine Motor Wooden Lacing Toy

## INTERACTIVE PLAY

Get involved in playtime to target specific learning goals! Start at Level 1 and work your way towards Level 3—each level introduces a fun, new challenge.

### LEVEL 1

This level is all about occupations—learning, discussing, and getting curious about them!

#### Let's Talk About Jobs!

Use an outfit and its related accessory to discuss the occupation they represent with your child. Start by naming the outfit and the accessory, then the person in the occupation. Make sure to pause between sentences to give your child opportunities to add to the conversation.

Continue the conversation and pique your child's curiosity by asking them open-ended questions about the occupation.

Discuss similar and related occupations!



#### Can you find it?

Ask your child to draw a card, then find all the items on it in the picture book. Name the items as your child finds them in the book.



### LEVEL 2

This level dives deeper into occupations—and adds lacing and storytelling on to the fun!

#### Let's Get Dressed For Work!

Ask your child to match each outfit with its related accessory.

Call out an outfit and its related accessory and ask your child to find them. Then, ask your child to lace the outfit and attach the accessory to an animal.

Now that the animal is all dressed, ask your child to imagine what their day at work could look like. Where would they go? What kinds of tasks would they have? Who would they work with? Encourage your child to create a story and share it with you. You can find more oral narration activities on the back of the picture book.



#### Who Am I?

Lace an outfit on an animal and ask your child to do the same, without showing each other. Act out the occupation represented by your chosen outfit and ask your child to guess what it is. Switch roles, with your child acting out the occupation and you guessing. Add more players for even more fun!



### LEVEL 3

This level combines lacing and pattern matching to challenge kiddos' coordination!

#### Match Me!

Ask your child to pick an occupation card, then find the same animal and outfit they see on the card. Ask them to pick one of the lacing patterns on the card, then follow the pattern to lace the outfit onto the animal. Finish up by attaching related accessories onto the animal.



#### Mirror Me!

Lace an outfit to an animal together with your child! Start by inserting a lace into a hole on either the left or right side of the outfit/animal. Ask your child to mirror your action on the opposite side of the outfit/animal using another lace. Take turns lacing until there are no holes left—you should have a symmetrical pattern at the end!

