

Little Ladybug lived in a gray garden, where she looked after her flowers every day.

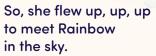


After one rainy day, beautiful Rainbow appeared!



She groomed, watered, and talked to them to make sure they were happy in every way!

"Oh, it would be so great," exclaimed Little Ladybug, "if my flowers were **COLORFUL**, just like Rainbow!"







"Wow, Rainbow! How bold and strong what color is this?"

"Why, it's **RED**, Little Ladybug!"

"Oh, **RED** would be perfect for my ROSES!"

Find the RED peg and insert it into the ladybug. "Hello Rainbow! Would you be kind enough to share your colors?"

"Of course, Little Ladybug! I love to give and share with others."



"How warm—what could this color be? It makes me feel oh-so happy!"

"It's called **ORANGE**, Little Ladybug!" tter

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"I'll give **ORANGE** to my DAISIES—that sounds just right!"

Find the ORANGE peg and insert it into the ladybug. ...onto the ne

"What color is this, Rainbow? It dazzles bright like the sun!"

"That's **YELLOW**, Little Ladybug!"

"YELLOW would look terrific on my SUNFLOWERS!"

Find the YELLOW pegs and insert them into the ladybug.



"Look at this color—so lovely and lush! What's it called, Rainbow?"

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"That color is **GREEN**!"

"GREEN is just what I need—a color for my flowers' beautiful LEAVES!"

> Find the GREEN pegs and insert them into the ladybug.

...onto the next color!

"How calm and peaceful, like the ocean can be! Rainbow, what color is this?"

"That's **BLUE**, Little Ladybug!"

"BLUE would suit my IRISES wonderfully!"

> Find the BLUE pegs and insert them into the ladybug.

"Oh my—how marvelous and magical! What is this color?"

> "Little Ladybug, that's **PURPLE**!"

"Oh, **PURPLE** for my VIOLETS! A beautiful match!"

> Find the PURPLE peg and insert it into the ladybug.

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·onto the next color!

"Mmm—this color is so sweet! What could it be?"

"That's **PINK**, Little Ladybug!"

"PINK would look so pretty on my TULIPS!" Find the PINK peg and insert it into the ladybug.



Little Ladybug's garden was no longer gray, but oh-so colorful, just like Rainbow! With a great big smile, Little Ladybug said,

"THANK YOU, Rainbow, for helping my flowers glow!"

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FREE PLAY

Encourage your child to play around with the ladybug and pegs as they please! They'll be improving their fine motor skills and developing the strength they'll need for a firm tripod grip.

SHARED READING

Read the story with your child and let them play an active role by touching pictures or naming objects.

PLAY GUIDE COLOR RECOGNITION ACTIVITIES

Hold up a peg and ask your child what color it is.

Insert all the pegs into the ladybug. Call out a color, then ask your child to remove all the pegs in that color.

Lay out the pegs and ask your little one to identify the color of each one.

COUNTING ACTIVITIES

Ask your toddler how many holes they see in the ladybug's wings.

Ask your toddler to open the ladybug's wings and count the pegs inside.

Call out a number from 1 to 10, then ask your little one to count out the same number of pegs and put them in the ladybug.

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