

Make a Friend Blocks Difference

Materials:

- digital pictures of children
- laminating sheets or clear packing tape
- 1" x 2" length of wood
- saw

Steps:

1. Laminate pictures of children.
2. Cut wood strip into 1.5" lengths.
3. Cut a groove down the center of the block using a saw.
4. Insert laminated picture into the groove.

The Benefits of Playing with Friend Blocks

1. Friend blocks support social emotional development.
2. When both genders are represented in the block area, it encourages boys and girls to play.
3. Children develop a sense of belonging and an awareness of being a part of a group. A classroom group, a family group, a community group, and so on.

Tip:
use as board game pieces to practice turn taking skills

Tip:
use foam instead of wood as the base

Remember, as the adult you are the creator of the environment. Placing pictures of children into their play space enhances their sense of self.



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