# Capitals with the Mat

The Mat for Wood Pieces is blue with a yellow smiley face in the top left corner. The smiley face is in the top left corner. That's the starting corner for **B D E F H K L M N P R U V W X Y Z**. Many of them (**B D E F H K L M N P R)** start with a Big Line on the left of the Mat. When the Big Line is on the left of the Mat, the next part is always on the right side.

## Materials/Setup

- Wood Pieces
- Mat for Wood Pieces
  (1 per child)

## **Grouping**

Whole class; small group

## Support/ELL

Start with simple two- or three-piece letters.

#### **▶** Video Lesson

View the video lesson, Building Capitals Letters on Mat, at getsetforschool.com/videos

# **Activity**

- 1. Scatter Wood Pieces on the floor in front of children.
- **2.** Give each child a Mat to place right-side up. The smiley face will be at the top.
- **3.** Build a letter, piece by piece for children to imitate. Generally, letters are built in top-to-bottom, left-to-right order. To see the order for any letter, just find that letter page in this guide.
- 4. Describe each step as you build the letter:
  - I put the Big Line here, under the ③. Your turn.
  - I put a Little Line at the top. Your turn.
  - I put another Little Line at the middle. It's letter \_\_\_\_\_!

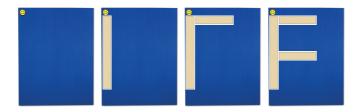
## ✓ Check

Your Mat should be upside down for you so that your letter model is right-side up for the children. Do children know the letter when it's finished?

## **More To Learn**

Teach all the letters except **U** and **J** on the Mat. Letters **A C G I O Q S T** start at the top center of the Mat.

#### **Demonstrate**





## Look What We're Learning

#### **Foundation Skills**

- Sequencing
- Listen to oral directions to attend to a simple task

## **Sensory Motor**

- Move an object in one hand to position it for use, placement, or release
- Notice and attach meaning to visual information
- Look at hands and use visual cues to guide reaching for, grasping, and moving objects

#### **Alphabet Knowledge**

- Point to and name capital letters
- Position capitals right-side up

#### **Social-Emotional**

· Interact easily with familiar adults

## Vocabulary

right-side up smiley face Big Line Little Line top middle