

# Dot Cards Color Sort



1-4 players

Ages 2+

5-10 minutes

Cards to use:

Red dot cards 1-2



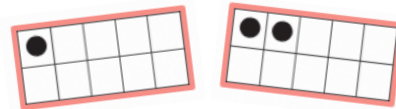
Yellow dot cards 1-2



Orange dot cards 1-2



Pink dot cards 1-2



**GOAL** of the game:

To sort the dot cards by color into multiple sets

**VOCABULARY** words:

- sorting
- same
- different

**QUESTION** prompts:

What do you notice about these cards?  
What is the same?  
What is different?

Setup:

1. Shuffle cards

2. Lay cards face up on a table or on the floor

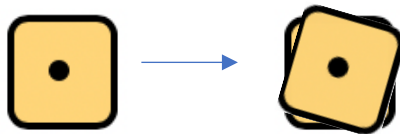


Play:

Take turns picking up one card and telling the other players what color the card is.



Put the card on the table in a pile according to its color. If there is already a pile of that color cards, add your card to the pile.



Once all of the cards are sorted by color, take turns counting how many cards are in each color pile.



The game ends when each pile has been counted!

To extend the game, return all of the cards into a larger pile and have children sort the cards by the number of dots on each card (one pile of one-dot cards and one pile of two-dot cards). Then, hand children the “1” and “2” numeral cards and have them label each pile with its numeral.

What children are learning:

- This game targets an important sorting skill – children use one sorting attribute (color) to sort the dot cards into multiple color sets.
- When children count how many cards are in each set, they are learning that sets can be counted and quantities can be compared.
- For a higher challenge, add more dot card colors to be sorted. Try including different quantities of each color (e.g., two red cards, three yellow, and five green) for children to compare.

