

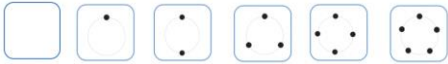
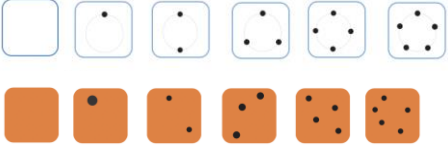
# Copy My Dots (With Counters)



1-4 players

Ages 3+

5-10 minutes

Materials: Counters or Tokens, Large Format Dot Cards, Game Board	
Start with:	Later games:
Large Format Dot cards 0-5 	Add higher quantities 6-10 

Goal of the game: to copy the quantity and dot configuration with tokens on your game board or table.

## Setup:

1. Shuffle the cards 
2. Place a card face up so all can see.



Play:



Say, "I'm going to try to copy this pattern with my tokens. I think I have the same number of tokens! Do they match? How do you know? Are they the same or different? They are the same number but in a different pattern."



Say, "Now it's your turn. Can you use your tokens to copy my dots?"  
As children play ask, "Do you have the same number of tokens? Does your pattern look like my pattern? Why or why not?"

Keep playing with higher quantities. Notice if children can count out the same number of tokens and copy the dot arrangement.

What children are learning:

- Children may count the dots on their card and the number of tokens they have to confirm that they have the same amount.
- Notice if children: know the number order when counting (1, 2, 3, 4, ...) and can coordinate the number word said while pointing to one dot at a time.
- When they are able to count one object at a time in the correct number order, they are using one-to-one correspondence. Help them name the last number they count as the total number in the set—this helps them practice cardinality or knowing how many in all.
- As children count out tokens to match the quantity on the card this also helps them practice cardinality!