

Small steps Blocks 1–8

**Nursery**

## Small steps

Step 1

Collect objects to compare amounts

Step 2

Make simple comparisons of amounts

Step 3

Look for collections of large and small amounts

Step 4

Compare and talk about large and small amounts

Step 5

Make large and small collections

Step 6

Make collections the same

## Small steps

Step 1

Explore and play with shapes

Step 2

Show interest in simple differences between shapes

Step 3

Put shapes and blocks into position

Step 4

Select shapes for a reason

Step 5

Begin to explore and describe natural shapes and objects

Step 6

Find and collect objects for a purpose

## Small steps

Step 1

Listen to repeats in songs and stories

Step 2

Start to join in songs with repeats

Step 3

Start to join in with repeats from stories

Step 4

Clap along to songs

Step 5

Make line patterns with own sequences

Step 6

Choose blocks to build roads and towers

## Small steps

Step 1

Hear some number names

Step 2

Join in saying some number names

Step 3

Model saying number names in order

Step 4

Practise saying number names in order

Step 5

Join in stable order counting forwards

Step 6

Join in stable order counting backwards

## Small steps

Step 1

Model saying 1, 2 and 3 in play

Step 2

Copy the sequence of 1, 2 and 3

Step 3

Copy fingers to represent 1, 2 and 3

Step 4

Begin to count actions

Step 5

Say number names in order

Step 6

Begin to recognise that anything can be counted

## Small steps

Step 1

Notice images in books

Step 2

Respond to “I see 1, 2, 3”

Step 3

Recognise “I see 1, 2, 3”

Step 4

Copy “I see 1, 2, 3”

Step 5

Point to 1, 2, 3

Step 6

Recognise 1, 2, 3 in well-known tales

## Small steps

Step 1

Join in with repeated actions in songs

Step 2

Join in with repeats in songs and stories

Step 3

Sing some refrains independently

Step 4

Have a sense of daily routines

Step 5

Say what happens next

Step 6

Make arrangements in art



## Small steps

Step 1

Respond to simple language of position

Step 2

Arrange blocks in a chosen position

Step 3

Select shapes for a space

Step 4

Recognise when 2 objects are the same shape

Step 5

Explore and describe shapes and objects

Step 6

Sort shapes and objects into simple categories