

# 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](http://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 😊. Your turn.**  
**I put a Little Line at the top. Your turn.**  
**I put another Little Line at the middle. It's letter \_\_\_\_\_!**

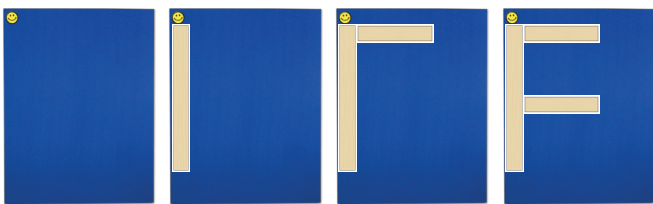
## Check

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