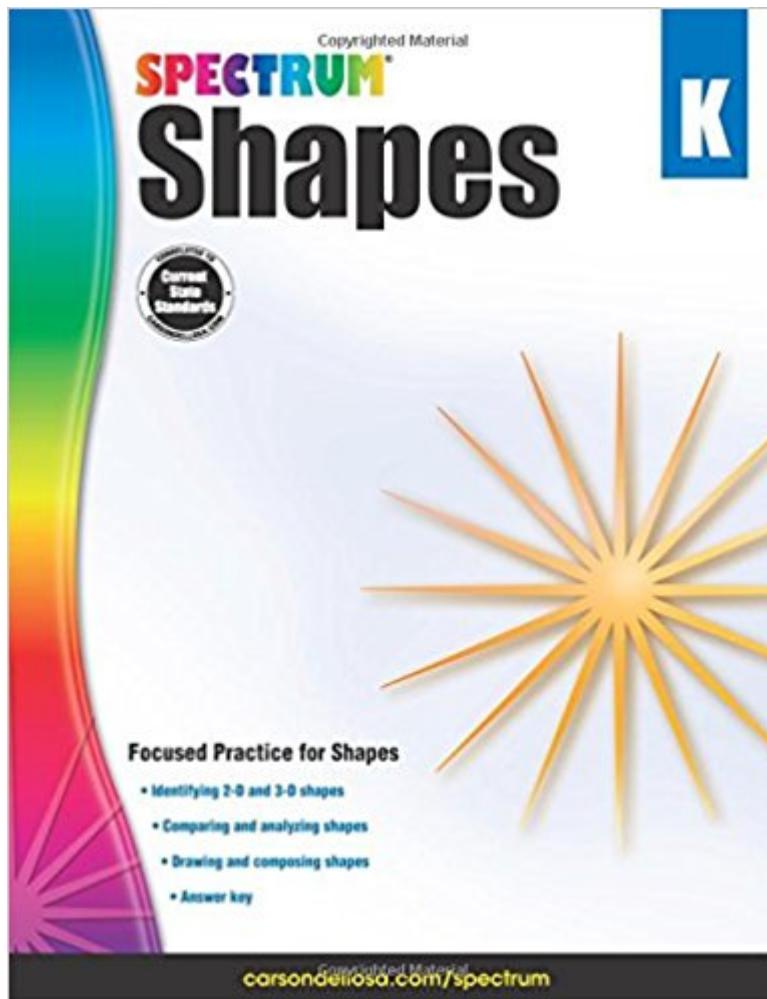


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# Shapes, Grade K (Spectrum)



## Synopsis

Plant the seeds of math success with a standards-based series that helps children blossom in the classroom. Spectrum Shapes for kindergarten offers practice in drawing, identifying, describing, analyzing, and comparing 2-D and 3-D shapes. This comprehensive workbook strengthens the home-to-school connection and assists in proper math development •two essential ingredients in the recipe for success. With the help of this best-selling series, your child will develop early math skills through strengthening their ability to recognize and identify squares, circles, triangles, and more.

## Book Information

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We got ten of these workbooks: Addition K, Addition 1, Subtraction 1, Subtraction 2, Shapes K, Long Vowels 1, Short Vowels K, Numbers and Counting Pre-K, Counting Money 2, and Telling Time 1. They're pretty good workbooks. We have four kids from 1-8. The one and two levels (grades) fit

the two middle girls well. There's lots of good practice on the subject at hand. They're color, but they are "serious" workbooks. There are no fun pictures or creative back stories to the worksheets. If you want more fun worksheets the Homework Helper series is very good for that. Each workbook has 72 pages of worksheets with the rest of the pages being the table of contents and the answers. For eight dollars each that's not bad. There are better "value" workbooks, but there are a lot around this price. In the end, none of the workbooks stood out as amazing. But none of them stood out as duds either.

The books on the Lowercase and the Uppercase Letters seem far better than the two on Numbers & Counting and Shapes. This one on Shapes starts with identifying shapes. From page 5 through 22 covers 2-D shapes and page 23 through 34 show many different 3-D shapes, followed by showing different shapes with the same orientations and of the same size, then different orientations and same sizes, same orientations of different sizes, and different orientations with different sizes. Next are four pages on identifying 2-D vs. 3-D shapes. Chapter 2 has the child analyzing and comparing shapes. Chapter 3 shows pictures of objects and asks the child to find different shapes like a circle in the sun, a triangle in the sail of a sailboat, rectangles in doors and furniture, etc. Chapter 4 introduces the orientation of shapes with the words below, above, and next to. Lesson 5 covers tracing, drawing, and composing shapes. There is an Answer Key at the end of the book from page 78-96 that helps a child to see what the correct shapes are in the exercises and gives other answers. To be very honest, I was surprised to see rhombuses covered as one of the shapes. Parts of this book seem difficult to me for 5 and 6 year olds in kindergarten. As long as the concepts and exercises are simply introductions to shapes, and not stressful for the child, I can see this book being used either as a supplement to children's kindergarten classroom experiences or as a resource for homeschooling.

Whether you're using this book as part of "Summer Bridge," reinforce skills learned in school, or as part of a home school program, this book will keep your young student busy learning various shapes and object orientation to other items. Just make sure you have plenty of crayons. It begins by showing and describing 2-D shapes, then the student is required to identify a specific shape among other shapes and in various sizes and orientations. The book then moves on to similar activities for 3-D shapes. After those are learned, students are to analyze and compare the various shapes before finding those shapes in everyday objects (ball, coin, book, etc.) in pictures. Later comes tracing (no arrows for quiet dance) and drawing those various shapes, as well as creating

pictures out of them (square, rectangle, and circles to make a train engine). The one thing the book doesn't do is teach object orientation, so hopefully that's a skill already learned through life or school. If not, I'd recommend using real objects and the student to teach the meaning of above, under, beside, etc. Some of the pages have children color objects that are in a certain location, while others have the student circle the word to complete a sentence properly ("The bird is below/above/next to the butterfly."). This could require an adult to read the words if the student doesn't have that skill yet. There is an answer key for those who may need it. This book is short enough that a student could complete two or fewer pages everyday during the summer before school begins.

I got this for my 4.5 year old who will start TK this year. My son has already learned his 2-D shapes, from circle to hexagon to rhombus. So I thought that the 2-D section would be too easy for him. It was easy, however, he did learn additional things about the shapes. For example, in addition to introducing the shape, the pages work through how many sides or corners a shape has. We haven't yet reached the 3-D shapes, but I think that is where he will pick up new things. We are still in the introduction section of the book which is a dry if not boring. Flipping ahead I can see that eventually in lessons 2-5 it starts to have more interesting lessons. Lesson 2 is where kids can compare and analyze 2-D vs 3-D shapes. In lesson 3 kids identify shapes in everyday objects. In lesson 4 it talks about orientation and in lesson 5, actually trying to draw the various shapes. As with many workbooks, the pages are perforated and come out easily. I find that my son has an easier time when the pages are removed from the book and he has an even surface to work on. Overall I like this shapes workbook. I find value in the fact that it actually introduces 3-D shapes and that it tries to incorporate what real world objects would have those shapes.

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