

INTRODUCTION

KEVA Junior planks were designed precisely with your littlest builders in mind. From basic grasping, spatial thinking, language acquisition, to problem solving and more, KEVA Junior introduces key concepts that grow with your child. As an added bonus—they can easily be cleaned with soap and water.

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SHARING AND TEAMWORK

Encourage your baby and toddler to share their blocks. By encouraging these interactions, you're fostering a budding understanding of teamwork.

MOTOR SKILLS

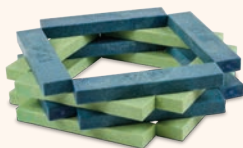
The simple act of holding blocks improves hand-eye coordination and strengthens little fingers and hands. This is great practice for gripping other objects, too!



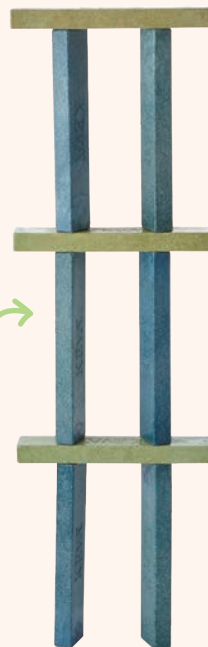
JUNIOR™

Infants, toddlers and kids learn to think logically when playing with building blocks. After some trial and error, they'll learn that blocks need to be arranged in a specific way to build taller structures. Best of all? When you build something tall, it's even more fun to knock over!

basic
platforms



for more
stability
place at an
angle



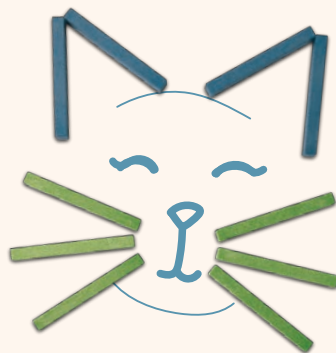
Introduce the concept
of **taking turns** by
placing one piece at a
time to build any of the
project examples shown.

CREATE

Encourage creativity by using the blocks to construct basic shapes and simple builds. Brainstorm what each construction could be—does a starburst become a sun, a flower, a windmill or something else? Incorporate other toys to add to the creative fun.



What will you imagine?



*It's a kitty.
Meowwww!*

As you build, consider this:

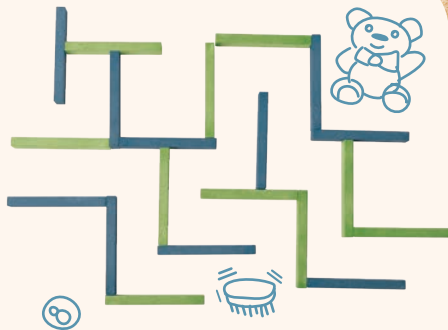
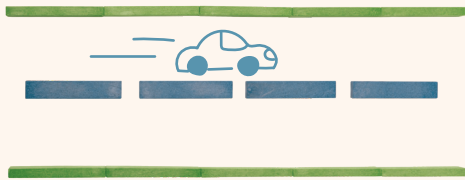
PROPORTIONS AND SIZE RELATIONS

1:2 The width of one plank is exactly two plank thicknesses.

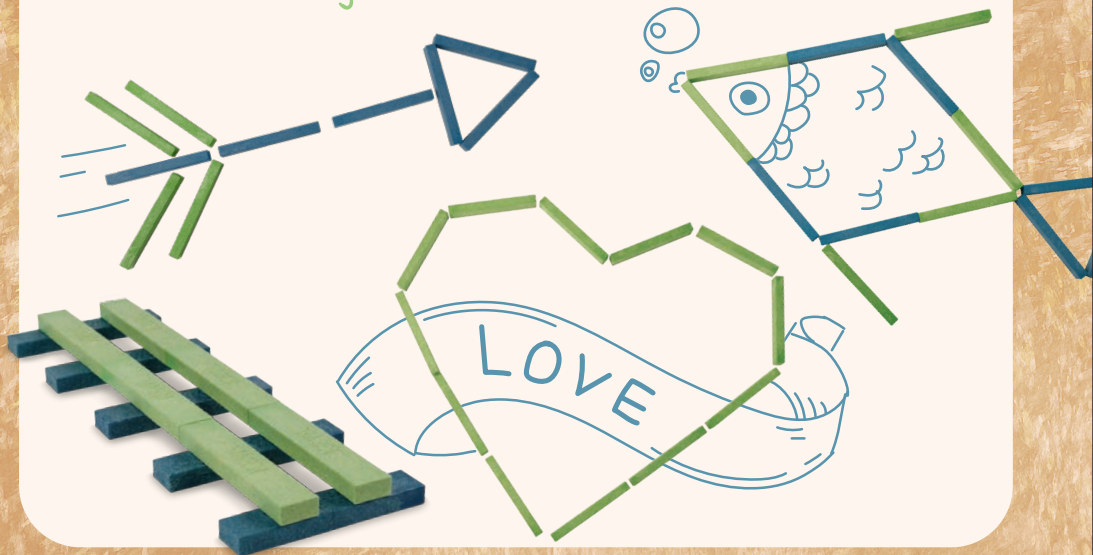


1:5 The length of one KEVA Junior plank equals exactly five widths.





Build a road for your vehicles, tracks for a train or a maze for your stuffed animals or bristlebots!



CREATE

Did you know that some language experts recommend that babies should hear more than 30,000 words a day? Build these everyday objects with your child to jumpstart a conversation (even if it's one-sided!) regarding their use, size, color, where you might find them and more!

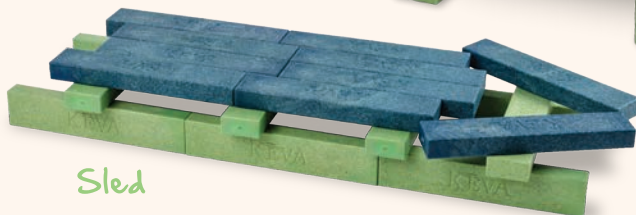
Table and Chairs



Park Bench



Bed and Bench



Sled

Tree



Lake



Dock

River



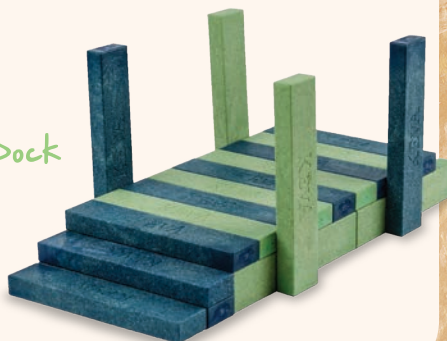
Bridge



Rowboat



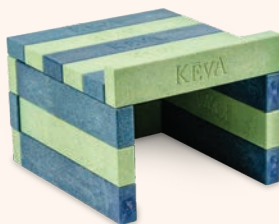
Dock



CREATE



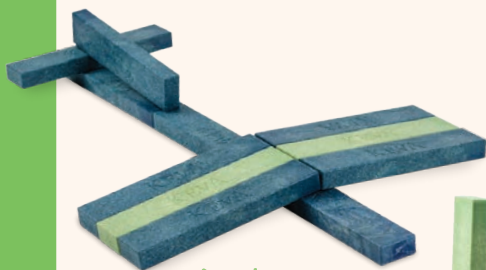
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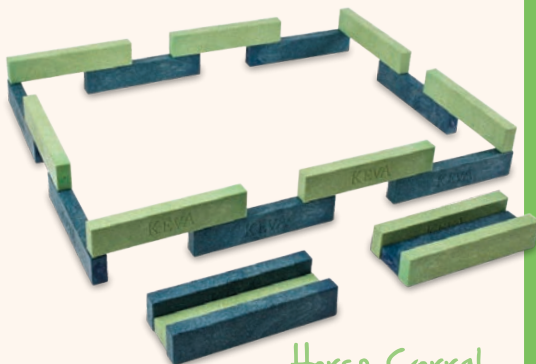
Storefront



Snail



Airplane



Horse Corral



Butterfly

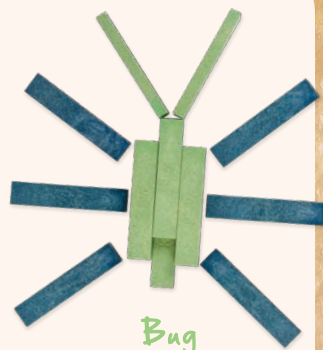
Face



Ice Cream Cone



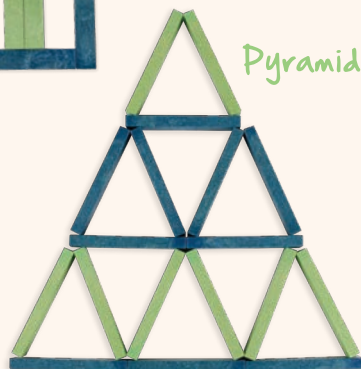
Bug



House



Pyramid



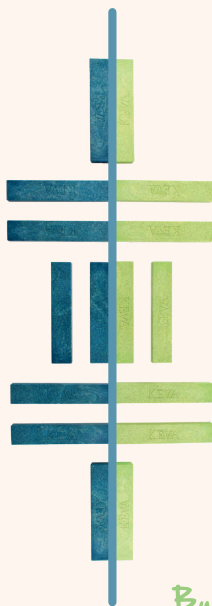
Trees



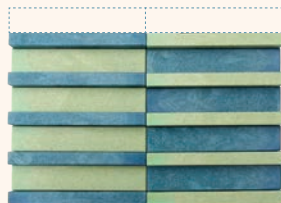
EXPLORING MATH

Mirror, Mirror

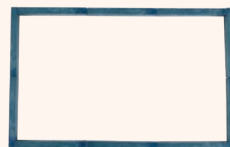
Work together to make a symmetrical design. Create a line with a piece of removable tape, string or a line drawn on a piece of paper. Take turns placing KEVA Junior Planks, so that the design is always the same on each side of the line. Take turns being the leader or the follower.



Create repeating patterns.

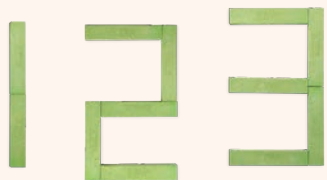


Build simple shapes like squares, triangles, diamonds, rectangles and more.



ABC - 123

Use your KEVA planks to construct each letter of the alphabet and the numbers 0-9. This is a great way to start recognizing letters, numbers and how they're constructed. Bonus idea: Practice making each letter of your child's name and make sure to count each plank as you go along.



* This can be an advanced activity for some children. We recommend saving this as an idea starter for when they have a foundational understanding of the alphabet and numerals.