A Shapely Masterpiece

Setup:
- Use with "Alike or Different?" on page 2.

A youngster puts a scoop of peas in his tracings.

More Peas, Please!

Setup:
- Each child, in turn, takes a card and reads the number. Then she compares snakes to determine which snake has more cubes, which snake has fewer cubes, or whether the snakes have the same number of cubes.

Pipe Cleaner Comparisons

Setup:
- Count out pairs of pipe cleaners of the same color. Display the pairs on a pocket chart so they are facing away from the children. In turn, a preschooler turns over two cards. The pairs are matched if they are the same color. If the matches are made, she turns them over. Play continues until all the pairs are matched.

Pattern Chains

Setup:
- Count out plates of linking cubes. Display the plates and a set of labels on a table.

A student chooses a chain and then connects links of the same color to copy and extend the pattern. She repeats the process with other chains.

A Colorful Tail

Setup:
- Prepare a large kite cutout similar to the one shown. Write each number from 1 to 10 on a blank card and each of the pairs that are the same. Set out white paper, colorful ink pads, and markers.

A child puts a card on the kite and names the number. The child ties the piece of pipe cleaner to the appropriate slot on the kite. She repeats the process with other cards on page 10. Place the cards in a facedown stack near a tub of links.