

ARABIC COUNTING PUZZLE DIRECTIONS (ALL SETS)

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1. Cut out the cards and mount them on cardstock or other sturdy material insha'Allah.
2. Laminate for durability and longevity insha'Allah.
3. When first introducing the puzzles to children who are just beginning to learn the numbers, introduce only 3 puzzles. Increase the cards as the child has more experience and skill with the puzzles.
4. First: Take one of the puzzles, say the number on the puzzle (i.e. sifr) and showing the child the numeral part of the puzzle, say, "This is the number sifr." Then show the child the second half of the puzzle which will have either dots or pictures on it and say, "I don't see any dots/pictures on this puzzle. There are no dots/pictures....sifr." Show the card to the child so that he/she that there are zero (or whichever number you are working with) dots/pictures on the puzzle piece.
5. Say, "Let's put these two pieces together insha'Allah. Try to fit the puzzle pieces together and **intentionally do it incorrectly at first and then after a few tried put the puzzle pieces together properly. This is to show the child the process of problem solving insha'Allah.**
6. Repeat this process with another puzzle and then invite the child to complete the last puzzle independently insha'Allah.
7. Move aside and allow the child to work independently **without your assistance.** Only offer assistance if the child asks for it. Otherwise do not do so insha'Allah.
8. **If the child puts the pieces of the puzzle together incorrectly do not worry or correct the child.** Each of the puzzle pieces is designed that it should only fit the number and dot/picture that it belongs to. In time the child will self-correct and fit the pieces together properly insha'Allah.