

Black Cats



Did you know that tracing big shapes is a great activity for developing hand dominance for those students who arrive in kindergarten and do not yet know if they are left-handed or right-handed?. To trace, students need to use both hands, a helper hand to hold the tracer and a dominant hand to draw around it. As it requires the use of two hands, students will often pick their stronger or more dominant hand to do the drawing, giving them more practice with this hand and leading towards developing a preferred hand in other activities.

Materials Needed: black paper (6.5"x10"), white pencil crayons, white glue and scissors

1. Have students trace their "rainbow" template with a white pencil crayon on a piece of black paper as shown (it should be centered along the 10" direction with the flat edges of the tracer lined up with the edge of the paper as shown below).



2. Students need to cut along the white lines to make three pieces. The semi-circle will become the cat's head, the rainbow will become the cat's tail and the remainder will become the body.
3. Using white glue, have students glue all pieces together as shown above.
4. With a white pencil crayon, have students draw on their cat's face. (We practice drawing cats on white boards - see guided drawing lessons at www.hurrayforplay.com before we move to paper so that students have had practice where they can easily erase before they have to try on paper).

Black Cat Tracer Template

(print to make cardboard tracers)

