Children put colorful eggs into an egg carton to create a pattern.

Materials
- page 120, reproduced, one per child
- page 121, laminated
- plastic eggs or individually laminated construction-paper eggs: 5 blue, 3 red, 2 green, 4 yellow, 4 purple
- basket for eggs
- 3 egg cartons
- two-sided tape
- crayons
- a sturdy box with a lid

Patterning Eggs

Creating the Center
1. Laminate and cut apart the patterning cards on page 121.
2. Tape one patterning card inside the lid of each egg carton.
3. Place the eggs in the basket.
4. Set out the egg cartons with the patterning tasks.
5. Then set out the patterning record forms and crayons.

Using the Center
1. Children choose an egg carton.
2. Then they take the eggs from the basket and use them to make the same pattern shown on the lid of the carton.
3. Then children use crayons to color the pattern on the record form.
4. Then children make and color the patterns shown on the other two egg cartons.
I Can Make Patterns

Color to show the egg patterns you made.
Patterning Eggs
Animals on the Farm

Children are introduced to the animals on the farm. They learn to name the animals and to recognize their sounds. They discover some of the foods we eat that come from farm animals.

Circle-Time Book
Old MacDonald Had a Farm ..................89
(See page 3 for ideas on sharing the book.)
Skills: listening, using picture clues, left to right tracking, predicting, recalling story details, vocabulary and concept development, identifying characters

Take-Home Book
Old MacDonald Had a Farm ..................99

Story Comprehension
Old MacDonald’s Animals ....................104

Storyboard Pieces
Old MacDonald Had a Farm ..................105
(See page 8 for ideas on using the storyboard pieces.)
Skills: naming animal names and imitating their sounds, recalling song verses

Basic Skills Activity—Math
How Many?......................................117
How Many Chicks?.............................118
Skills: counting, graphing, writing numerals

Center Activity
Patterning Eggs ................................119
Skills: copying and making patterns

Outdoor Activity
Farm Animals ..................................123
Skills: listening to and following directions, categorizing

Music/Dramatic Play Activity
Animal Sounds Song .........................124
Five Little Lambs Finger Puppets............125
Skills: recalling song verses, reproducing animal sounds, counting, number recognition, subtraction and addition to five

Art Activity
Little Hen’s Egg..............................111
Skills: listening to and following directions, using small motor skills, developing vocabulary

Cooking Activity
Chocolate Cow Milkshakes ...............113
Skills: developing vocabulary, listening to and following directions

Basic Skills Activity—Language
Where Will You See Me?.....................115
Where Is My Mother? .......................116
Skills: categorizing, matching