

Cover with a page protector or other plastic. Practice making playdough logs and shaping into alphabet letters, starting at the top of each letter. (J2)

A B C D E F G

H I J K

L M N O P

Q R S

T U V

W X Y Z

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Strategy to teach skill: Use modeling clay or playdough to make logs or snakes to shape into each alphabet letter. Children need time to contemplate the shape of each letter and forming each letter provides them the time to contemplate. See the above pages as an alphabet model for the children use. Laminate this alphabet model or use a page protector to cover the alphabet model so that it can be reused. This is an excellent “on my own” learning activity and it helps develop fine motor skills to improve writing.

And watch the Alphabet Wiggles: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NUcSoUC-9pc&feature=feedrec_grec_index

TO ASSESS SKILL: With alphabet mat displayed, name one of the 13 focus letters & ask the child to find & make that letter on the mat. Repeat until have tested all 13 letters. Practicing making playdough letters is a fun & contemplative activity where the child really thinks about the letter’s shape which helps them identify the letter & write the letter properly. Playdough letters is NOT an essential skill, so if your child does not care for this activity, it can be skipped.