

Cover with a page protector or other plastic. Practice making playdough snakes and shaping into alphabet letters, starting at the top of each letter. At this point, the child needs to be familiar enough with all upper case letters that you can name a letter at random and then they make it with or without the help of the letter mat.

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](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NUcSoUC-9pc&feature=feedrec_grec_index)