## Ice Cream Orders

Recognition and investigation of patterns are important components of a child's development. A child's ability to work with patterns is the precursor to mathematical thinking. Children need frequent opportunities to engage in pattern related activities.



Ice Cream Orders is a fun activity where your child can use different flavored ice cream scoops to copy, extend, and create simple patterns.

## Preparation

- 1. Print this document.
- 2. Cut out cone, scoops, and pattern cards.
- 3. Have your child sort the scoops into three piles strawberry, vanilla, and chocolate.
- 4. Have your child choose a pattern to copy or complete.

## Fun Extensions

Have your child create their own patterns.

You can use the template as a pattern to make cone and scoops for felt board.

To play a game with your child pretend your a customer at your child's ice cream shop. Use pattern cards to choose an order for your child to fill.















