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**Materials for Swirlie-Twirlie-Shapes-On a String**

Assorted colors of 6x9 sheets of construction paper

White paper

Black marker

Protractors

Rulers

Yarn

Scissors to snip yarn

Pencil

**Steps:**

1. Have students measure and draw a 6" circle, a 6" square, an 8" triangle and an 8 x5" rectangle.
2. Following the lines, gently rip around each of the shapes
3. Using the protractor, punch 2 holes in the top of each shape.
4. Pull a piece of yarn through the shapes; leave a 2" gap between each one.
5. Type the poem: *Rip and tear, rip and tear... the triangle, rectangle, circle and square. Swirling twirling in the air... look at the triangle, rectangle, circle and square.*
6. Make two copies, cut out; glue back-to-back to the beginning of the yarn.
7. Write the shape words on white paper. Cut them out and glue them to the back of the shapes.
8. Tie a loop at the top; hang from the ceiling.

**square**

**circle**

**triangle**

**rectangle**

**rectangle**

**triangle**

**circle**

**square**

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the triangle, rectangle, circle and square.  
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