

# Classroom Carpet for 30

A checkerboard of rainbow colors creates a classroom carpet with a place for everyone.

## Classroom Management

Your carpet is a powerful classroom management aid. Here are some ways to use it to organize classroom activities:

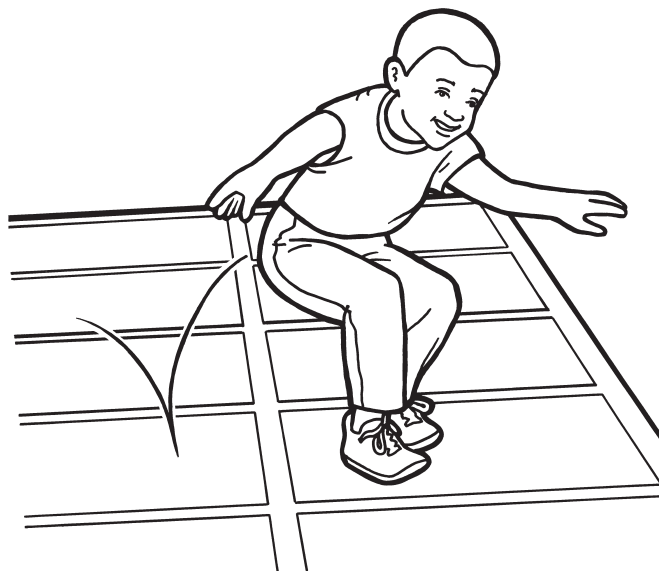
- Dismiss children to work at classroom centers by color.
- Divide children into teams or work groups by color.
- Direct children to line up in an orderly fashion by color.
- Distribute colored construction paper tickets to assign children seats by color.
- Take attendance quickly by assigning a space to each student.

## Simon Says

Play this old favorite in teams to encourage listening skills and cooperation. Begin by slowly giving simple directions to one team at a time. For example, "Simon says, green team march in place." Progress to giving directions more quickly to several teams at once: "Simon says, red team clap your hands; blue team pat your heads." Add to the fun by having children close their eyes.

## Pattern Path

Chart a course for fun by challenging children to create and move along a pattern path. Cut 30 construction paper shapes to match those on your carpet. Place the shapes in a small paper bag. Gather a small group of children to play the game. Explain to the group that each of them will get a turn to create a pattern path. Invite the first child to take 6-8 shapes and arrange them in a path next to the carpet. For example, a child might place his shapes like this: *red, orange, green, green, blue, purple*. Then encourage the child to walk (or hop or jump) on the carpet using the "map" he created from the colored paper shapes. The children will soon realize that certain pattern paths are easier to follow than others. If you wish, have children call out the colors as they step on them to reinforce color identification. Increase the level of difficulty by allowing children to choose more construction paper pieces to create their pattern paths.



## My Grandmother's Trunk

Try this simple version of the popular travel game. Have a child on one of the red corner squares begin by saying, "My grandmother went on a trip, and she packed a red apple." Then have the child on the next orange rectangle say, "My grandmother went on a trip, and she packed an orange pumpkin." Continue with the game going up and down the columns until everyone has had a turn helping Grandma pack. **NOTE:** Older or more experienced children can play the game by repeating, in order, the items Grandma packed.

## Graphing

Use your carpet as a color grid to teach basic graphing concepts to groups of children. Write a question, such as, "What is your favorite food?" on a length of butcher paper, and place it at the top of the longer side of the carpet. Write the choices, such as *pizza, spaghetti, hot dogs, burritos* or *hamburgers* on pieces of construction paper, and place them along the shorter side of the carpet. Instruct the children to sit on the carpet square that matches their answer to the question. Remind them to begin sitting at the left of the column. Talk about the results. What was the total number of responses? Which choice is the most popular, least popular, etc.?

	What is your favorite food?					
pizza						
spaghetti						
hot dogs						
burritos						
hamburgers						

## Suggested Cleaning Methods

**Professional steam cleaning** is the best way to clean your carpet. Many services are available to clean your carpet for you. **Dry cleaning** is your next best choice. It's easy and inexpensive. Simply call Customer Service at the number below and ask for information about our dry-cleaning products. **Traditional shampooing** or **self-serve steam cleaners** are **not** recommended.

### Helpful Hints

- Do not walk on the carpet if it is wet or damp.
- Vacuum carpet daily.
- Clean carpet at regular intervals (before carpet is visibly dirty).
- Spot clean high-traffic areas between overall cleanings.

### Storing Your Carpet

When rolling up your carpet, roll it around the tube provided. (Constant rolling & unrolling can cause the backing to crack, so do so only when necessary.) **Beware of electric floor polishers:** Electric floor polishers can be very hard on the edges of your carpet. If your carpet is in an area serviced by this kind of equipment, move it out of the way before any polishing is done.

### Spills and Stains

Absorb wet spills with a clean cloth or wet paper towel. Apply a small amount of the recommended cleaning agent to the stain (see chart below). Work from the edges of the stain to the center. Dry the area with a cloth or paper towel. For best results, remove stains *immediately*.

#### STAIN

#### RECOMMENDED CLEANING AGENT

Blood .....	Detergent or ammonia diluted with water
Chocolate .....	Detergent or ammonia diluted with water
Clay .....	Detergent and white vinegar diluted with water
Coffee .....	Detergent and white vinegar diluted with water
Cola.....	Detergent or ammonia
Crepe paper dye .....	Detergent or ammonia
Egg.....	Detergent
Food coloring.....	Detergent or ammonia
Glue .....	Detergent or ammonia
Grape juice .....	Detergent or ammonia
Ice cream.....	Detergent
Ink (washable) .....	Detergent or ammonia
Ketchup.....	Detergent
Milk.....	Detergent
Mustard.....	Detergent and white vinegar diluted with water
Orange drink .....	Detergent or ammonia
Tea .....	Detergent
Tomato juice .....	Detergent
Urine .....	Detergent and white vinegar diluted with water
Vomit .....	Detergent and white vinegar diluted with water
Watercolors .....	Detergent or ammonia

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