My Picture ABC Book

My Picture ABC Book will help your young child make letter pages for an alphabet book. Your child can print individual words and draw pictures of things that start with each letter. Working on the book will help to reinforce the order of the alphabet and which words start with which letters—an important building block for reading. If your child is starting to string sentences together, the two of you can take the book a step further by adding in your child's own sentences about the word your child chose to represent each alphabet letter.
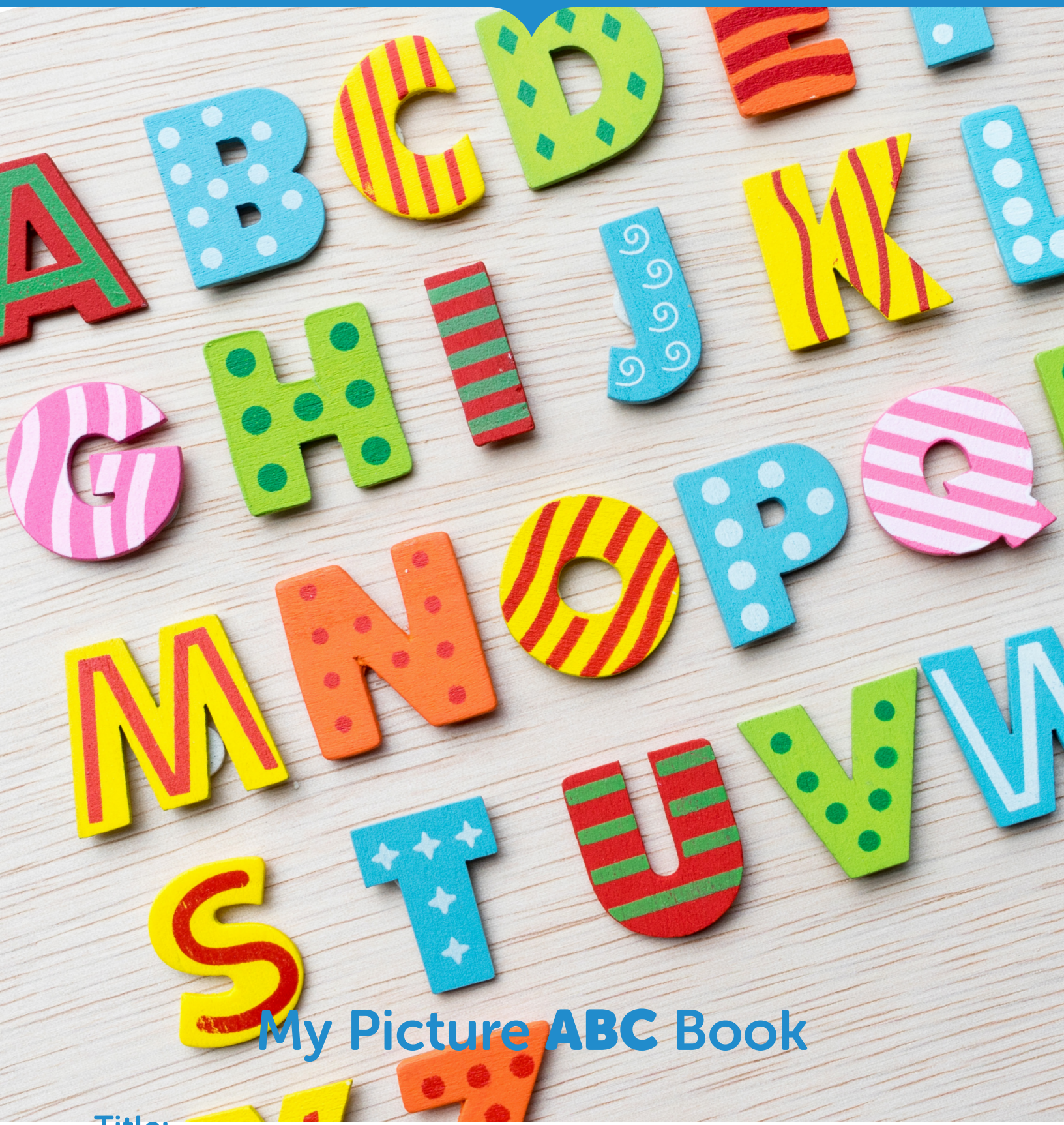
How to Use This Printout

1. The My Picture ABC Book printout includes a cover page and a letter page; make one copy of the cover page and 26 of the letter page for each book you are creating.
2. Make a list of words together. You might do this by choosing a theme that appeals to your child's interests or experience, for example, animals, seasons, school or a trip to the circus. Ask your child to think about the theme and suggest words. Looking at books or objects relating to the theme can help generate ideas. For more inspiration, check out alphabet books from the library. Show your child how to connect words and letters. For example, say, "I choose donkey. Donkey begins with D." Be sure you have at least one word but no more than three words for each letter.
3. Have your child write the letters and words on the letter pages. Help with writing if needed, but encourage your child to write as much of the word as he or she can, without worrying about spelling. If your child wants to write sentences using the word, encourage him or her to do this. Once the child has finished writing, he or she can draw a picture in the space on the letter page.
4. When your child has finished with the entire alphabet (which may take several sessions), fasten the pages together to make a book (using staples, brad clips or a hole punch, and then tie together the loose pages).
5. Ask your child to read the book to you. Place the book on your child's bookshelf so it can be read again and again.

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