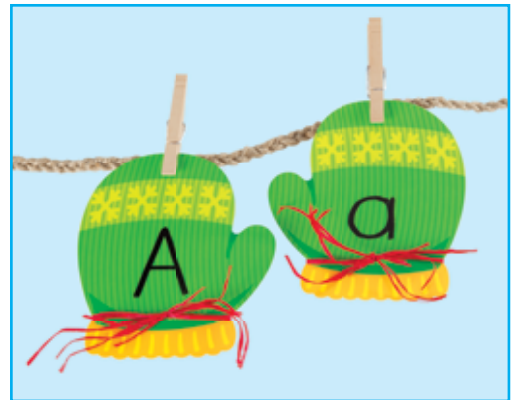


Mittens work best in pairs! Engage students in this playful activity where they will quickly discover they hold the key to missing mittens and matching lowercase letters. It's not long before mittens are found, lowercase and uppercase letters are matched, and ABC order is restored in your classroom.



## ABC Mitten Matchup

### You'll Need:

**T10912 Multicolor Mittens**  
*Classic Accents® Variety Pack*

Clothespins, cord or jute, and black markers.

### Directions:

- Use cord or jute to make a clothesline. If desired, tie a bow around each mitten with ribbon or yarn.
- Write an uppercase letter on each left-handed mitten. Start by hanging the first six mittens (A through F) on the clothesline in random order.
- Hand six students a clothespin, a black marker, and the right-handed mate to the mittens you just hung on the clothesline.
- Ask each student to write a specific lowercase letter on her or his mitten and to hang the missing mitten next to its mate on the clothesline. Once all the uppercase and lowercase letters are paired, challenge the group to work together and put the six pairs of mittens in alphabetical order from A through F.
- Continue the activity in groups of six until all the alphabet letters (G through L and so on) have been matched and all your students have played.
- Time each group to encourage friendly competition. Post the times and celebrate learning!