Sticky Note Bingo  
(Cover Up)

Skills you can practice with this game:

• Letter names (caller says letter name, shows letter as necessary)
• Letter sounds (caller says word, child finds letter for the beginning sound)
• Letter formation (printing)
• High frequency words (caller says word, shows word as necessary)

How the game is played:

• The caller says a letter or word and the player(s) find the letter/word on their Bingo board, cover it with a sticky note, and then write the letter or word on the sticky note.

You Will Need:

➢ Bingo game boards with squares (included at the end of these directions)
➢ A set of cards to print letters or words on
➢ Sticky Notes that are approximately the same size as the Bingo board squares
➢ Pencils or other writing utensils.

This game can be played with multiple children or one-on-one.

Preparation:

Decide which letters or words you want to include in the Bingo game and prepare Bingo game boards ahead of time. Use the letters or words that the child is learning about in school.

If you are using the game to help your child learn about letter names or letter sounds, you can use upper and/or lower case letters depending on which ones your child needs to practice. If your child knows only a few letters or words, you can use them more than once on a game board.

Prepare a set of cards with the same letters or words as the Bingo game boards. Be sure to have both upper and lower case letters if you have used both on the game boards, and to have multiple cards with the same letter or word if you have used some letters or words more than once.

(Note: If multiple children will be playing the game at the same time, Bingo game boards should be made so that the letters or words are located in different squares on each board.)
**Activity:**

Give your child a **BINGO** game board and enough sticky-notes to cover all of the squares on the board (or a smaller number if you are playing across, down, or diagonal).

Using the set of cards you have prepared:
- Shuffle the cards, choose one, and say the letter or word that is on the card.
- Ask your child to repeat the letter or word, find it on their **BINGO** board, and cover it with a sticky note.
- If your child can’t find it, assist him by showing the card and naming it again.
- After your child has covered the letter or word, have him write the letter or word on the sticky note. Allow him to copy from the card or to look under the sticky note if he needs to. (The purpose of this activity is to provide practice, not to test the child.)
- Ask your child to name the letter or word again.
- Continue with the remaining letters or words until the board is covered.

When the game is finished, your child may name the letters or words they have covered with the sticky notes as they remove them. You may need to say each one and have your child repeat it.

Blank sticky notes can be returned to the stack for re-use. Sticky notes that have letters or words on them can be moved to places around the house for further practice at a later time.

**Important:**

To help the children learn the letter names and words, be sure that they name them before they cover them with the sticky notes. Have them name them again after they have printed them. If they do not name the letters and words, some children will treat this game as a visual matching (and/or a copying) task and it will not help them to learn the letters or words.

**Suggestions:**

- For extra practice with printing, the child can make his or her own **BINGO** game board by filling in letters or words on the board. The child should use the letters or words on the game cards as models to copy from. When more than one child is playing, the children should be encouraged to make individual choices about placement of each letter so that each child’s **BINGO** board will be different.
- Blank **BINGO** boards can also be laminated, and can be used with dry-erase markers. A model of a **BINGO** board that has been filled in is shown on the next page.
## BINGO Board Example (for practicing just a few letters)

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Sticky note with the child’s printed letter on it.