Print Style Sort
Literacy Skills / Alphabet Recognition

Materials
1. Old newspapers and/or magazines
2. Index cards
3. Pre-printed, print-style sort cards

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Procedure
1. Collect different print styles by cutting letters from newspapers, catalogs, and magazines. You may also print letter cards in various fonts from your computer. Cut the letters apart, mount them on small index cards, and laminate for durability. Use both upper-case and lower-case letters, but avoid cursive styles.

2. You may want to set up a sorting board with labeled categories or simply have children sort on any surface.

3. After modeling the sort with a group of children, place the materials in a literacy work station where children can work independently.

4. Don't use too many letters at any one time; four or five of eight to twelve font variations is probably enough.

5. VARIATION: If your class previously created alphabet scrapbooks, children can paste cards from the print style sort in the books.