

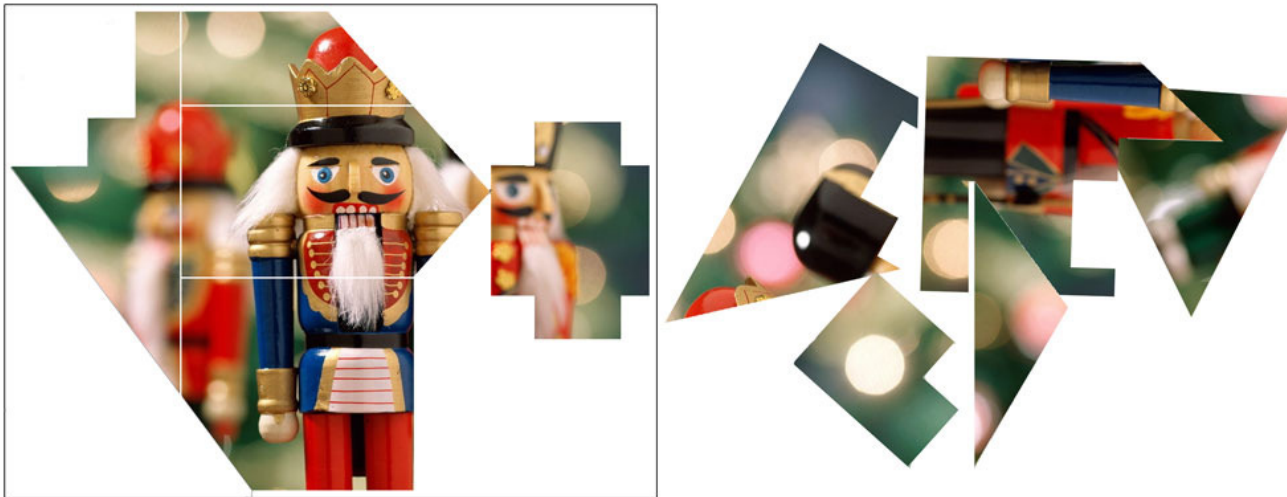
Christmas Puzzles

Puzzles help to reinforce concentration, persistence, logic, critical thinking, visualization, and fine motor skills. That's a lot of positives for an activity that can be prepared at such little cost. These puzzles are small enough that they can fit into clear plastic sandwich baggies (the Control Card makes it obvious which puzzle it is), or use labelled envelopes to house them.

Introducing new seasons and celebrations with puzzles is a fun way to start off the celebrations! Puzzles can be made from family photos, magazine photos, Christmas cards, and pictures drawn and colored by the children.

In this file:

1. There are 2 pages of Control Cards, and 8 puzzles.
2. The first 4 puzzles are the easiest (5-6 pieces each).
3. The last 4 puzzles are more difficult and increase in number of pieces (7-19 pieces each).
4. Print out the pages you wish to use on 8½" x 11" sheets
5. Be sure to include the Control Cards - esp. for the more difficult puzzles.
6. To prepare: print on paper or cardstock, laminate, and cut pieces apart using the printed cutting lines
7. Clear sticky shelf paper (clear contact paper) can be used instead of laminate; it won't peel as some laminate will if the pieces are bent too often. It can often be purchased at the 'Dollar Stores'.



Extra Challenges:

1. Build the puzzles without looking at the Control Cards.
2. Mix up two puzzles and build both simultaneously.













