A counting book showing the changing seasons over a twelve month period.

A barn cat notices groups of countable animals from 1 through 10 while searching for something special.

Bear wanders through familiar settings, discovering different shapes along the way.

Presents numbers from 10 to 20 using illustrations of three bear families.

Illustrates visual patterns and sequences as a young girl lines up a set of toy cars in different arrangements.

Benny sets off with five shiny new pennies to spend and buys something for each member of his family.

A variety of bugs compare and order their relative sizes while going on parade.

Tells time to the hour as the bats dance around the clock.

Brown Rabbit finds a box of balloons and creates various solid shapes.

Two children count different sets of 1 to 5 bugs.

A bunny family shows their daily routine, telling time to the hour.

A child sorts different buttons in her grandmother’s button box.

A pig gives directions for baking a cake including number words through 20, and discovers that good food is much better when shared.

Uses tools to compare, order, and measure capacity.

Backward counting from 10 to 1 as Ayoka follows her goat through the market.

A child, her mother, and her grandmother save dimes to buy a new chair.

Groups and counts coins through rhyming text and clear, colorful photographs.

Counting animals from 1 through 20, then by tens to 50.

On a trip to Maine, a family counts from one baby to twenty fireflies.

Reinforces the days of the week and counting skills through this story of friendship.

A child describes dishes of dim sum, showing solid shapes in the real world.

Penny learns about currency when she sets up a lemonade stand in her yard.

Focuses on building sets with 12 by making sure everyone has an equal amount of Ma’s wonderful cookies.

Counting a variety of illustrations through 50.

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Rabbit and Hare learn an important lesson about fractions and sharing.

Uses position words and repeating patterns to describe Rosie’s walk around the farmyard.

Turtle must make up sets of dishes as he continues to ask more friends to join him for lunch.

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Count seven blind mice as they discover different parts of an elephant and argue about its appearance.

Shows how plane shapes can be seen in many real world objects.

Presents different objects as examples of various shapes.

Photographs of familiar objects present a study of rounded and angular shapes.

A young dancer dances her way among geometric shapes.

A brother and sister compare speed, sizes, and weight while running a race.

Follow a family through the twelve months of a year with this rhyming story.

Explore sorting by color, size, shape, and kind to make sets.

Shows concepts of addition and subtraction through a little girl’s question “How many are in my pond?”

Familiarizes children with groups of countable objects, then introduces addition and subtraction.

Count animals 1 through 21 as they arrive at Wiggly Pig’s birthday party.

A counting book that shows building sets with ten black dots.

Count backwards as one animal after another eats an apple from the farmer’s tree.

Demonstrates top, middle, and bottom as Hare makes a deal with the bear down the road.

A young boy discovers and counts groups of animals to 5 as he searches for a tree.

A tale of twenty guinea pigs illustrates the process of subtraction as their numbers dwindle.

A Chinese farmer finds a magic pot that doubles whatever is placed inside it.

Follow a hungry little caterpillar through the days of the week as he eats his way through a variety of food.

Compares sizes of Giant Baby Bear and the Very Small.

Counting from 1 through 22 with Wooly the sheep.

A variety of animals introduce the numbers 1 through 10.

Illustrates shapes in the real world as two children look at shadows and try to guess their shape.
“Barn cat at the red barn door, / Barn cat, what are you looking for?” So rings the playful refrain of this feline frolic through the farmyard (and through numbers 1 to 10). Readers are presented with a cat's-eye view of 1 green grasshopper, 2 brown crickets, 3 black-and-orange butterflies, all the way up to 10 sparrows. Azarian's exceedingly handsome woodcuts tether Saul's lyrical counting book to a pastoral setting, where a well-fed tabby cat serenely ignores the barnyard activity that bustles around her. One grasshopper, two crickets, three butterflies and so on, up to 10 sparrows, parade past the disinterested puss, to the recurring refrain of “Barn cat at the red barn door, / Barn cat, what are you looking for?” Barn cat: a counting book. Item Preview. remove-circle. Share or Embed This Item. EMBED by. Saul, Carol P; Azarian, Mary. Publication date. 2000. Topics. Cats, Counting, Stories in rhyme, Cats, Counting, Stories in rhyme. Publisher. Boston : FEN. Carol P. Saul, Barn Cat: A Counting Book, Little, Brown (Boston, MA), 1998. Jacqueline Briggs Martin, Snowflake Bentley, Houghton Mifflin (Boston, MA), 1998. Johanna Hurwitz, Faraway Summer, Morrow (New York, NY), 1998. Caldecott Award-winning printmaker and illustrator Mary Azarian got her start in children's book illustration after she was commissioned by the Vermont Board of Education to design and illustrate a children's alphabet book. Having established a small woodcut business in her Vermont home in the 1960s, Azarian's work was familiar to many in New England; with publication of A Farmer's Alphabet, she gained national attention.