



## Photo Block Multicultural Play People - Set of 18

### Here's What You Get!

- 18 Wooden Blocks
- 1 Teacher's Activity Guide

### Introduction

Block play fosters development in all areas of cognition and motor skills. Adding block accessories introduces an element of dramatic play and serves to extend self-expression, creativity and social skills. The Excellerations® Photo Block Multicultural Play People set adds a new dimension to block play with real photographs of children wearing celebratory clothing from different regions around the world.

Today, most people around the world dress in a similar fashion – pants, shirts, skirts, or dresses. In some countries, people wear culturally distinctive clothing. People all over the world dress up for special occasions and celebrations. The clothing pictured represents unique festive outfits worn by boys and girls from nine different cultures. The outfits are detailed on the back of this guide.

### Use the Excellerations® Photo Block Multicultural Play People set to address these Head Start Early Childhood Learning Outcomes:

- **IT-C 13:** Child uses pretend play to increase understanding of culture, environment, and experiences.
- **P-ATL 11:** Child shows interest in and curiosity about the world around them.
- **P-ATL 13:** Child uses imagination in play and interactions with others.

### Suggested Activities

#### I Wear That Too!

Discuss different clothes that the child might wear such as pants, a dress, shoes, a hat, or jewelry. Encourage the children to look at the pictures on the blocks. Are the children in the pictures wearing pants, dresses, footwear, hats, or jewelry? Guide the child to understand that people everywhere wear similar articles of clothing, but of different styles.

#### All Dressed Up

Invite the children to discuss what they might wear to a party or on a holiday. Many people like to wear their best clothes for special celebrations. Select a few of the block figures. Do the children in the photographs look like they are dressed up? How can you tell? Children may indicate that some clothing is brightly colored or decorated with fancy designs. Some of the people are wearing suits, long dresses, or jewelry. Guide the children to understand that people all over the world like to dress up in their best clothes for special occasions, but their best clothes may look quite different.

#### What's That Called?

As the children play with the figures and express interest in the different clothing, refer to the information on the back of this guide to extend their vocabulary and awareness of the world. For example, you could say, "The girl from Japan is wearing a kimono," or "The boy from Mexico is wearing a charro suit and holding a sombrero." If appropriate, indicate where the countries are on a map or globe.

## Photo Block Multicultural Play People - Set of 18 (continued)

keffiyeh



thobe

**Saudi Arabia**

hijab



abaya

changshan jacket



**China**



cheongsam

lederhosen



**Germany**



dirndl

dupatta



kurta

**India**



choli top

dhoti sari

haori



hakama

**Japan**



kimono

sarong



**Kenya**



khangas

charro suit



sombrero

**Mexico**



escaramuza dress

buckskin shirt



**Native American**



buckskin dress

kosovorotka



kokoshnik

**Russia**



sarafan dress