What Is It Made Of? Noticing Types of Materials

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**Book Review**

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Ms. Sampson’s class learns about different kinds of materials and what we use to make things. Materials have different uses and textures. The class goes on a scavenger hunt to find different types of materials around them. They notice similarities between different materials they find.

This book is great to get kids thinking about materials. Why don’t we make windows out of wood? Or shirts out of glass? You can duplicate the activities that the class does in the book with your child. The activities will help readers to think more critically about everyday objects, what they’re made out of, and why they are made out of a certain material. On the other hand, the book does refer to a similarity between two materials as being a pattern, which may be confusing for young readers.