

How to Draw Squares

Supplies: Pencil, Markers, crayons or colored pencils, computer paper and small square of cardboard to use like a ruler. Have someone help you cut it into a square. The ideal size is 3"x3".

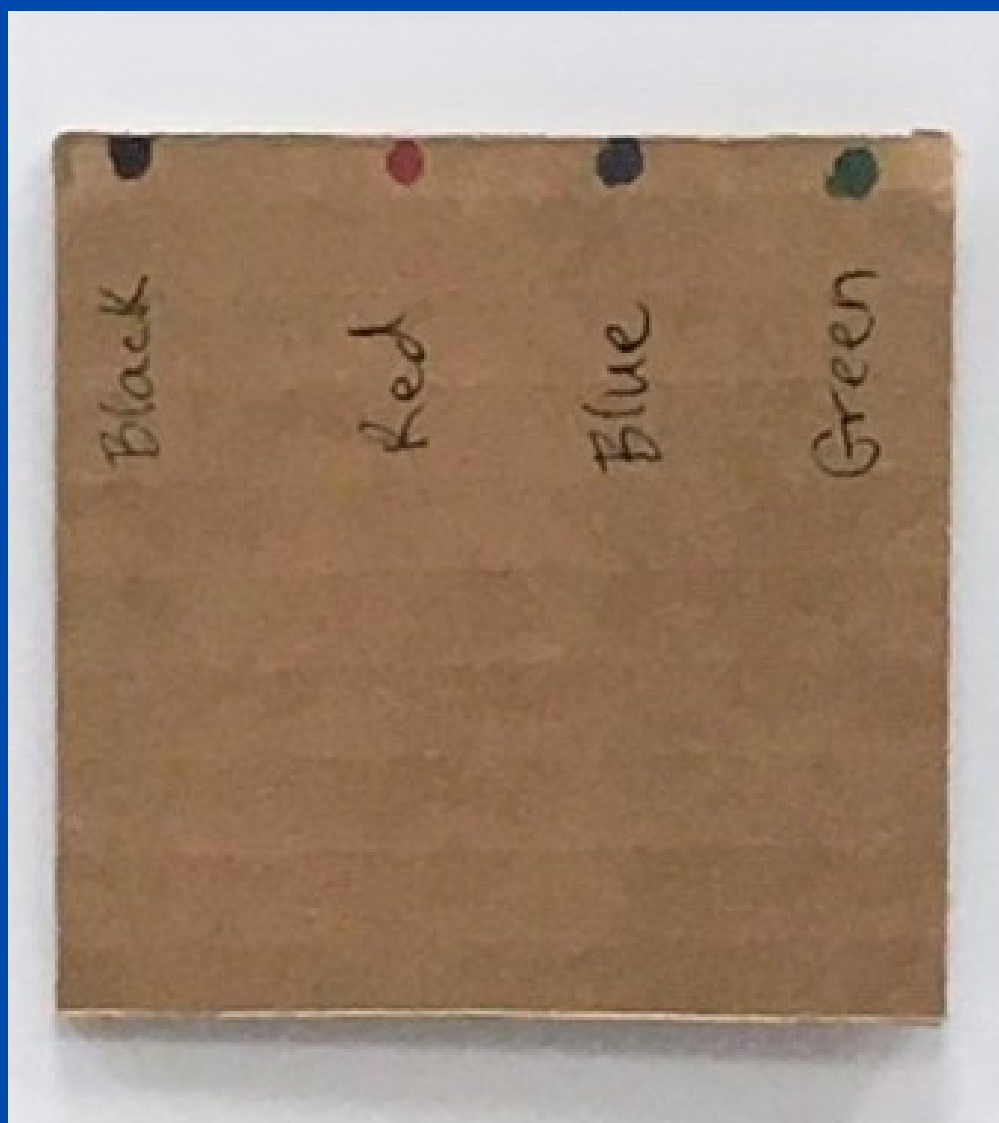
If you want to play the Drawing Games you will need to be able to visually identify different kinds of shapes and draw them. This series of practice lessons will help you do that.

Here are 5 basic shapes I used in the Alien Drawing Game for Bodies and Heads
A Square A Rectangle A Circle An Oval A Triangle A Blob

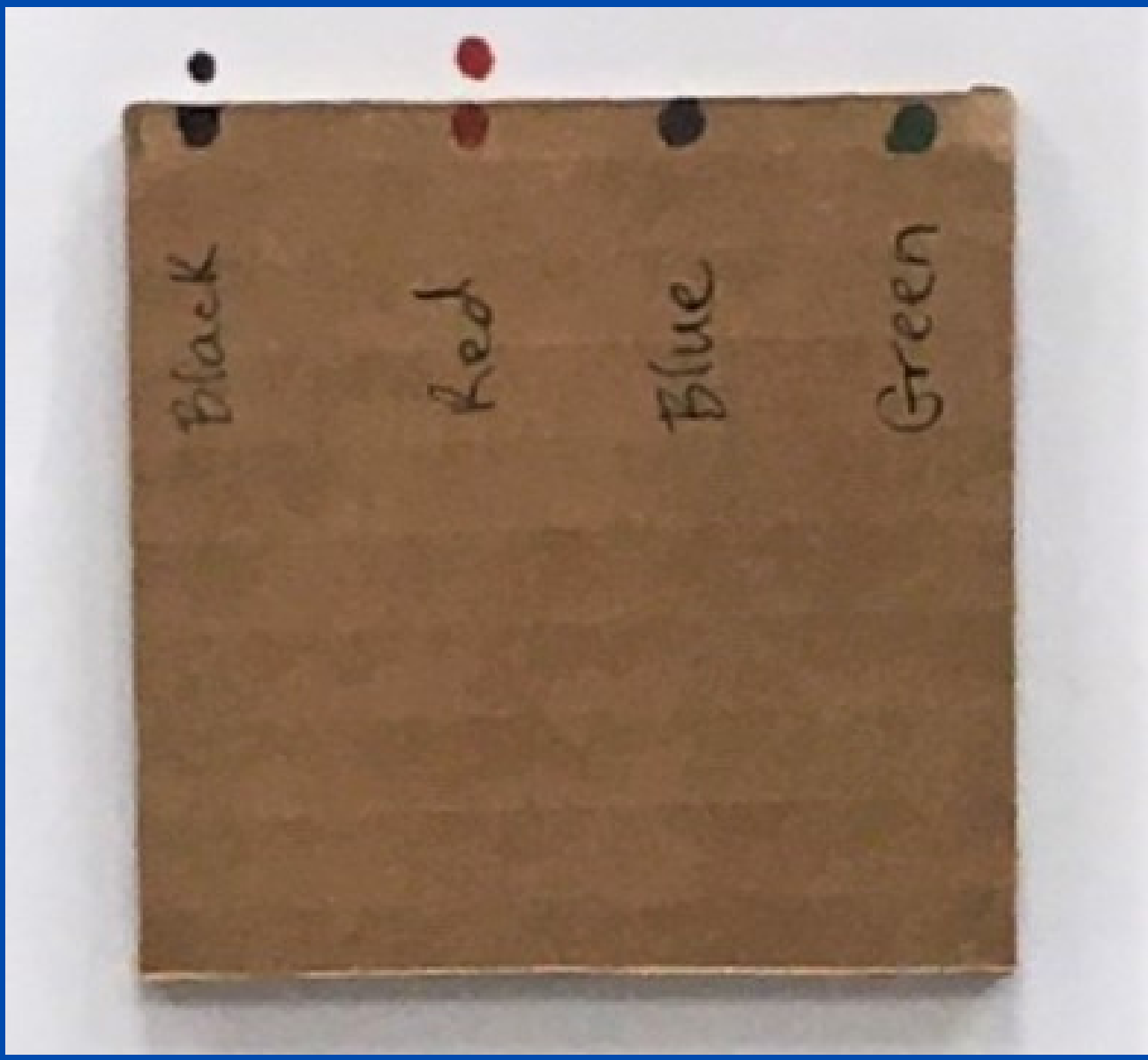
Directions for Drawing a Square Shape

Get a pencil, a red, a blue, and a green colored sharpie, crayon or pencil, a small square piece of cardboard with a straight edge, and a few pieces of computer paper.

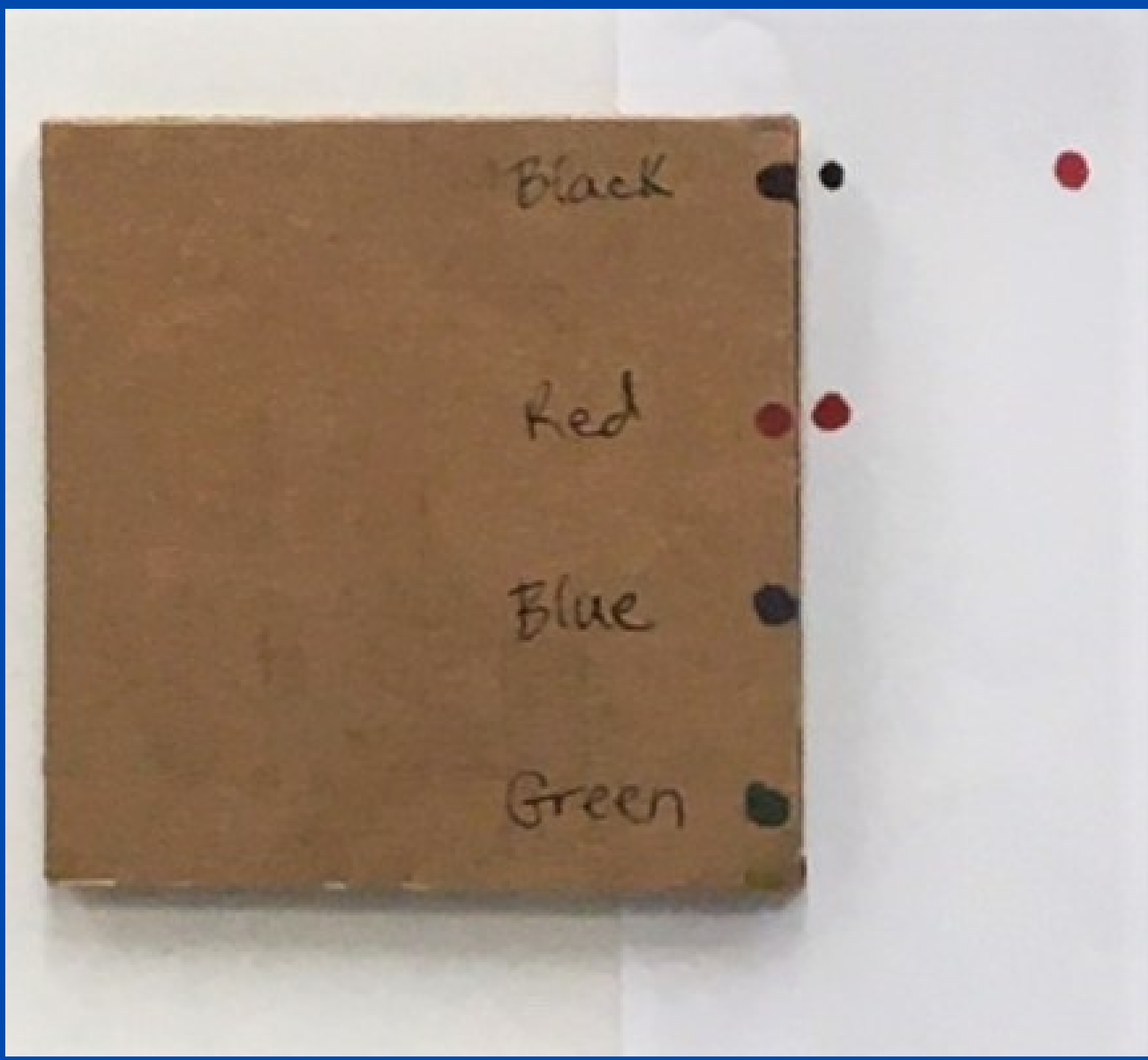
- 1- When drawing a square it is important that all the sides are the same length.
- 2- Mark the spot you will start and the 3 spots to the right of it like the example below. Make a Black spot first then a Red, a Blue, and a Green along the edge of the cardboard.



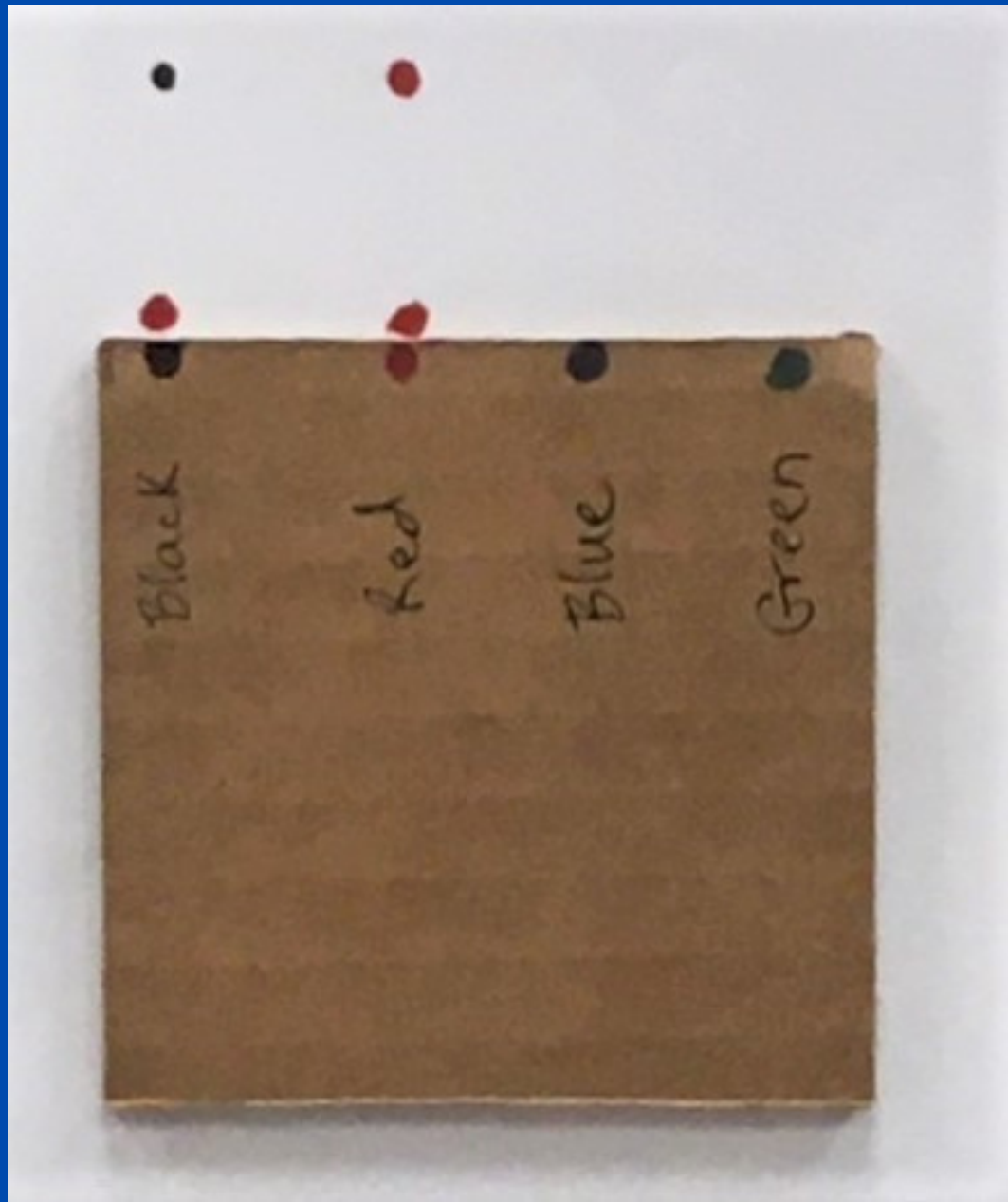
3 - Use your cardboard to make dots on your paper straight across from each other like the example below.



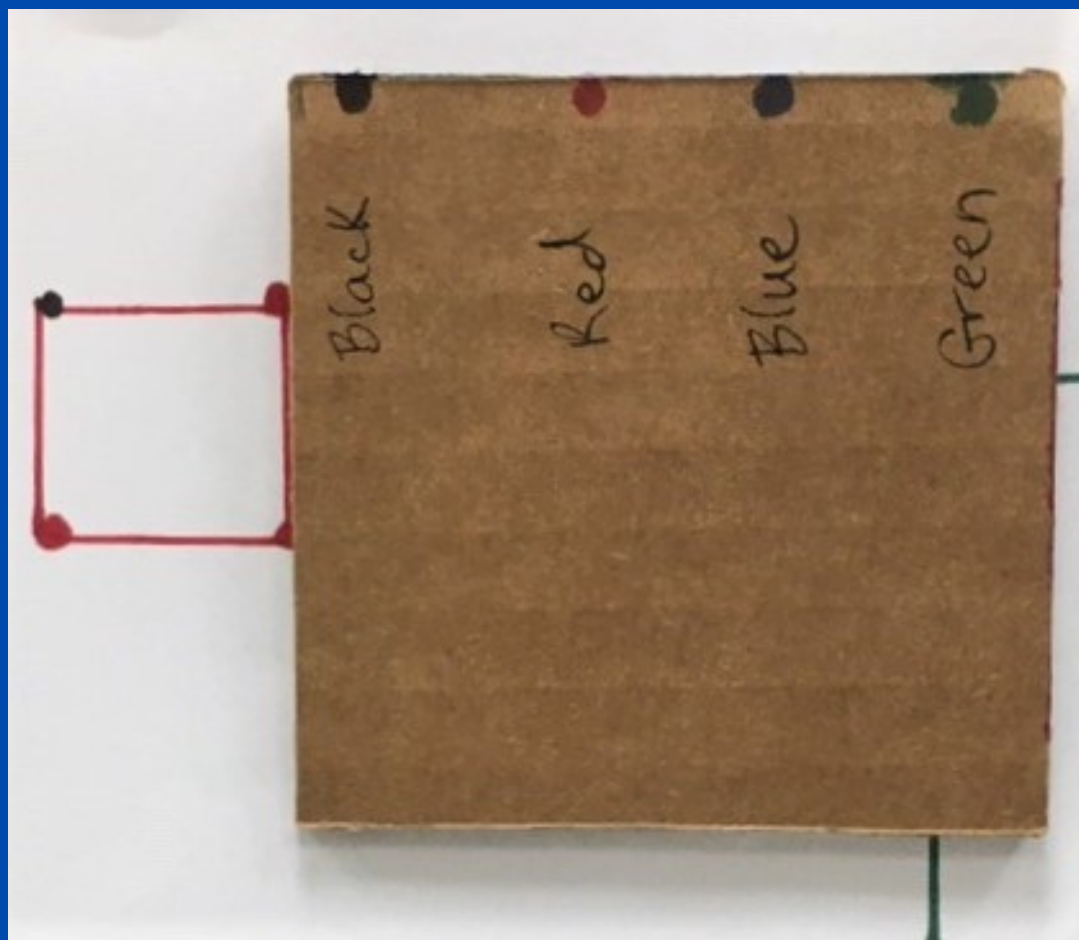
4 - Place the first dot on your cardboard and turn it Vertically - straight up and down.



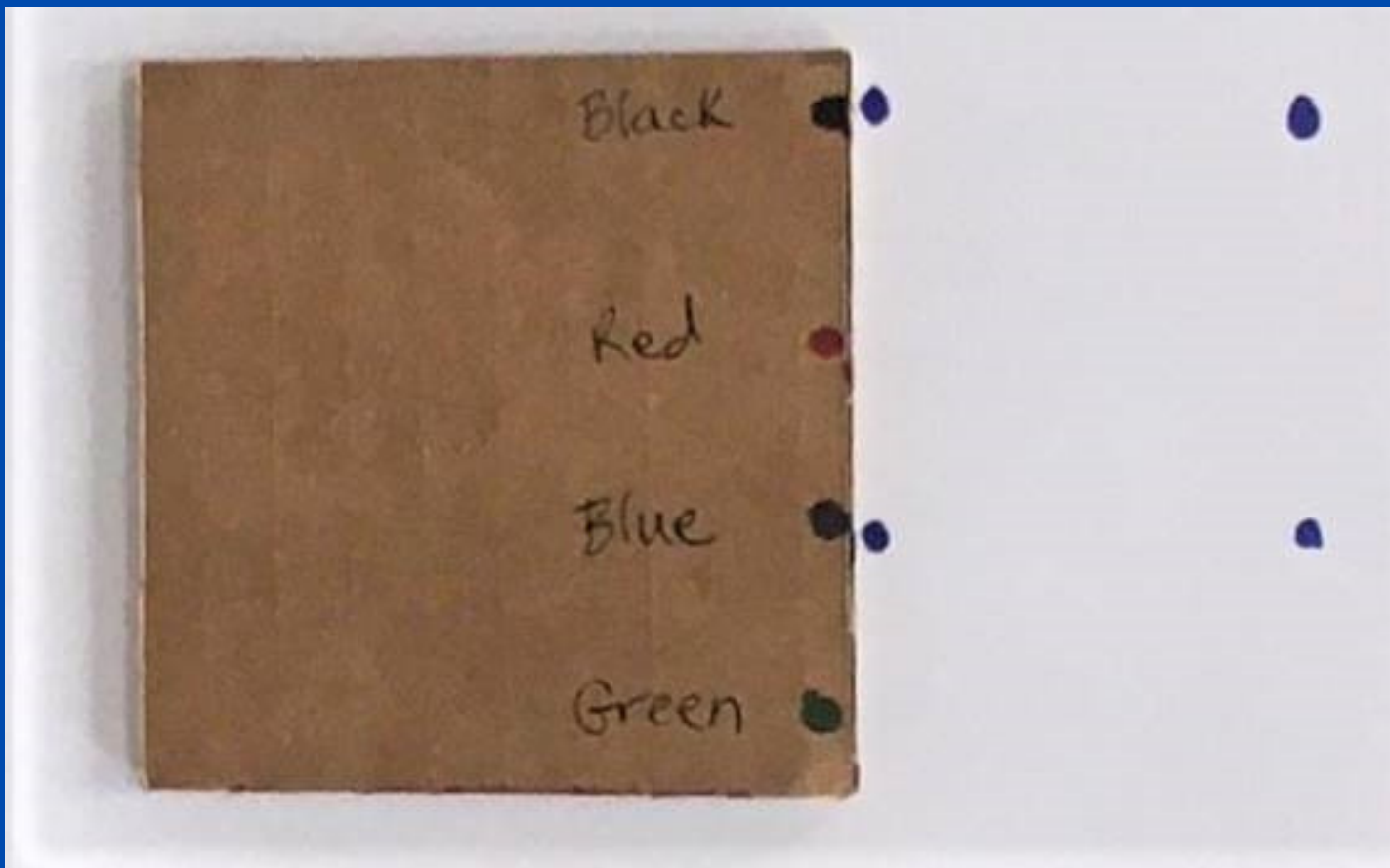
5 - Make a dot by the second dot on your cardboard below the first.



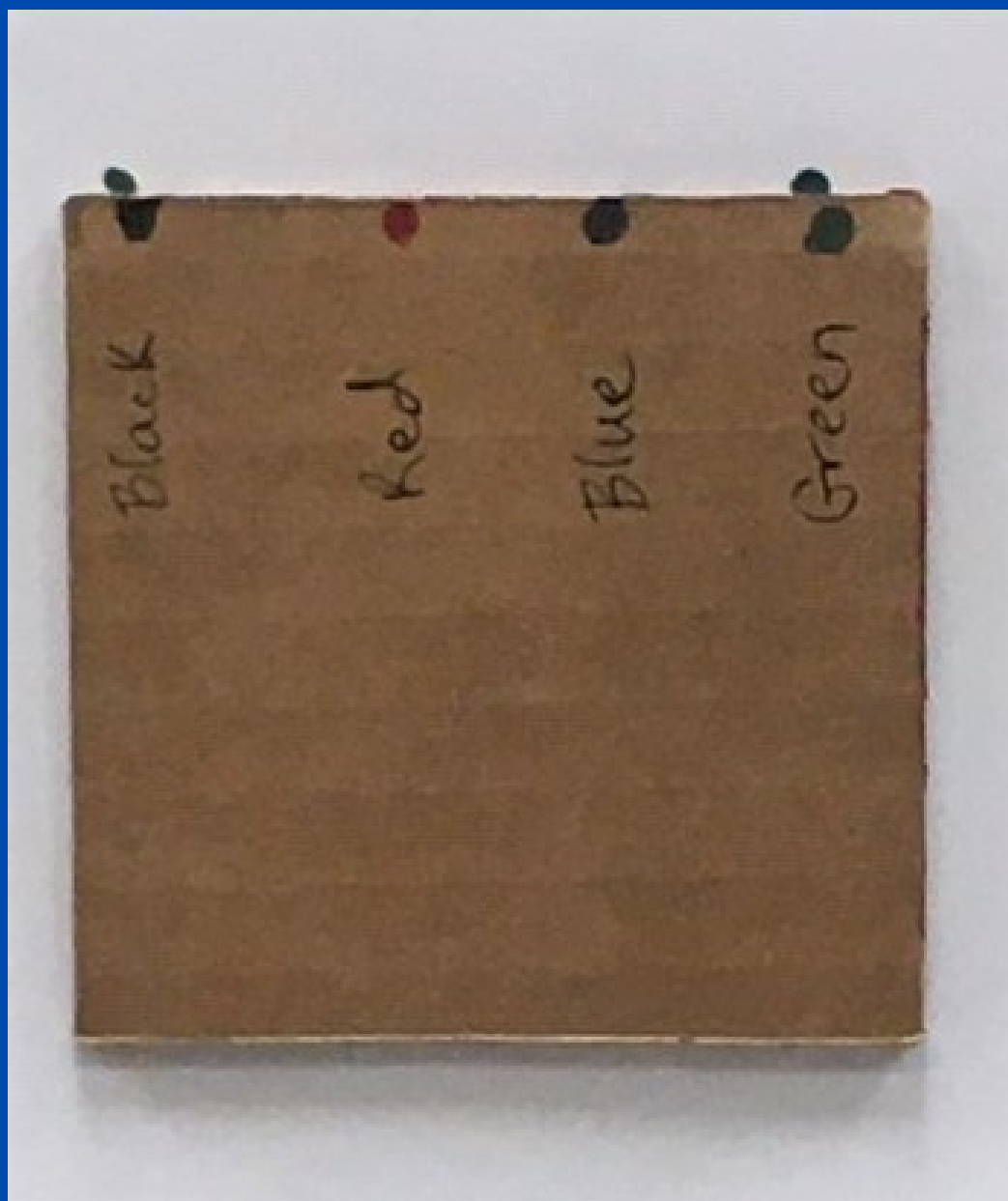
6 - Place the first dot on your cardboard on the second dot you just made and turn your 4 cardboard Horizontally - side to side



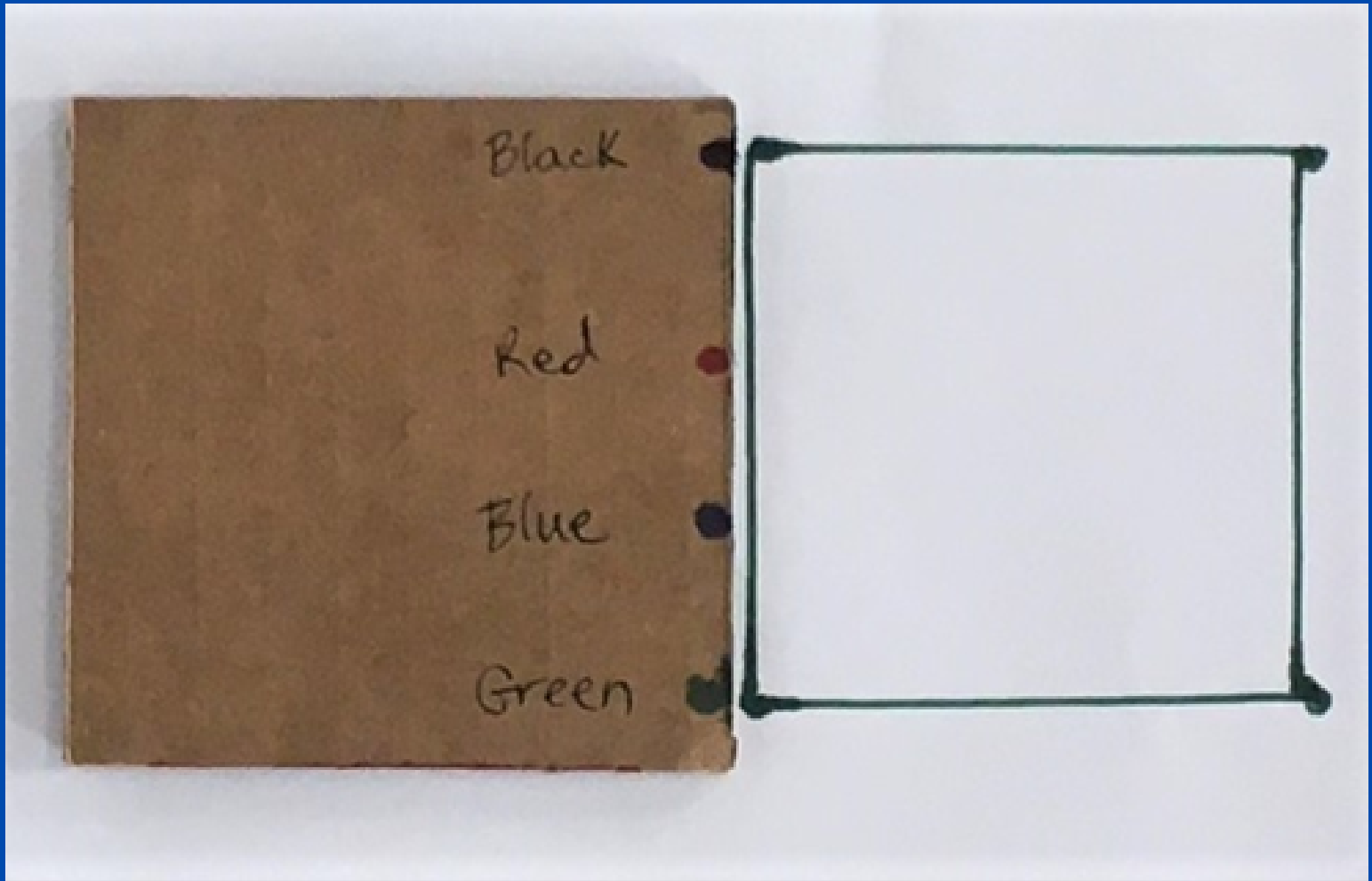
7 - Make a dot by the second dot on your cardboard to the right of the first dot



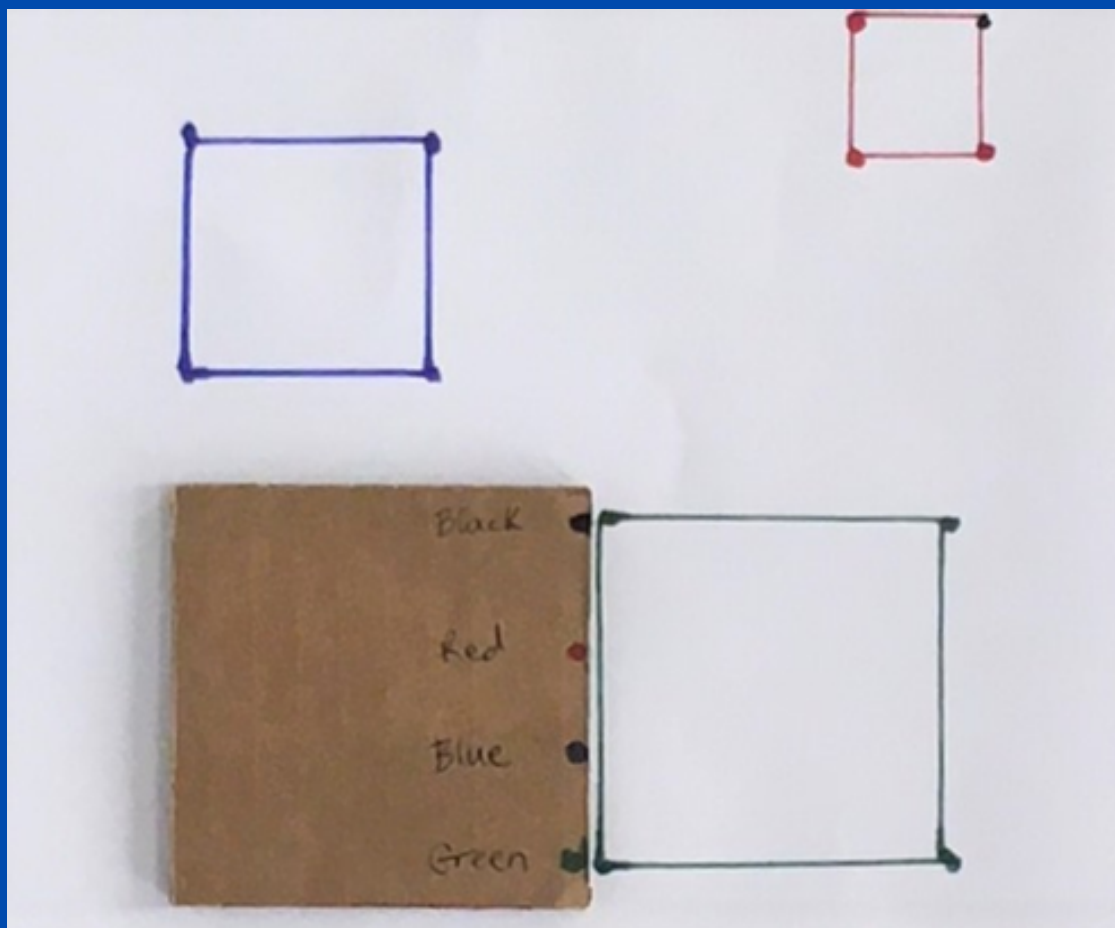
8 - You should now have 4 dots in the shape of a square.



9 - Draw straight lines (use your cardboard to help) connecting each dot like the example.



10 - Practice drawing squares all over your scrap paper. *Hint- you can make different sizes by putting a few dots farther away from the one on the right side of our cardboard in different colors. Use Sharpie, crayon, or colored pencils. Be sure you only use one color at a time to measure because Squares have 4 sides that are all the same length)



After you have traced a few of each size of squares using the cardboard, try drawing squares free hand. You can place lines inside a square about the same distance from its edges all the way around to make smaller ones inside each other.

Try drawing them at different angles.

Here is a hint on how to make straight lines - Always use your whole arm bending at the elbow with a straight wrist to create the line. Find a speed where you can keep the pencil steady - not too slow, not too fast. If your lines are not perfect, sketch the lines several times until it looks right. You will see this in my example below. This helps you to see the shape correctly in your mind.

When you have mastered the squares move on to the next lesson - “How to Draw Basic Shapes - Rectangles”

