print, cut, laminate if you like...

Cards and Counters, *Number Cards*

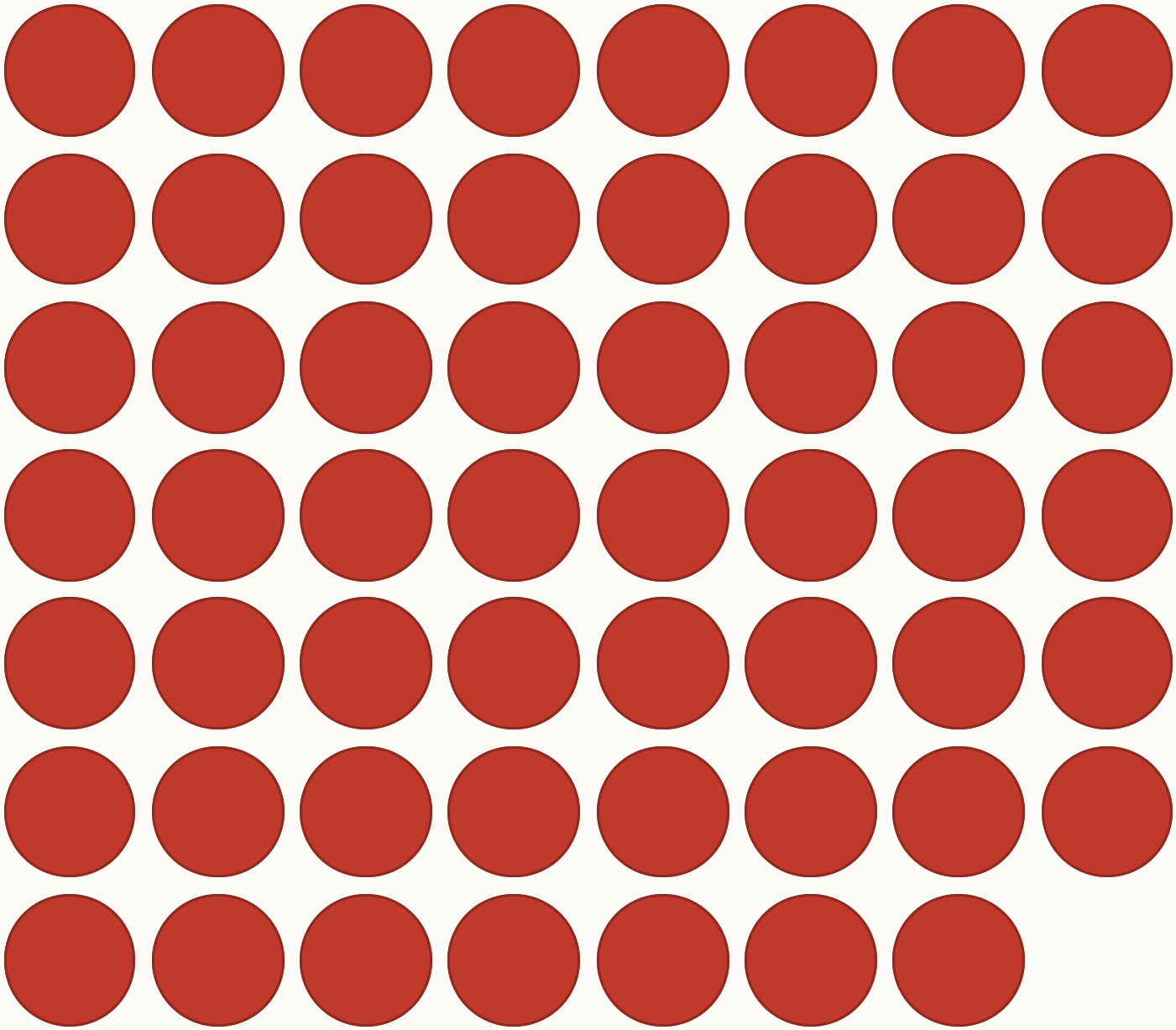
Print on card stock. Cut along the dashed lines. Page 2 has the 55 counters, page 3 the labels and the layout.

1	2
3	4
5	6
7	8
9	10

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The *55 Counters*

1 + 2 + 3 + … + 10 = 55. If counters are left over or run out before 10, something was miscounted. That is the control of error. Real counters, buttons or dried beans work just as well, as long as all 55 are the same.



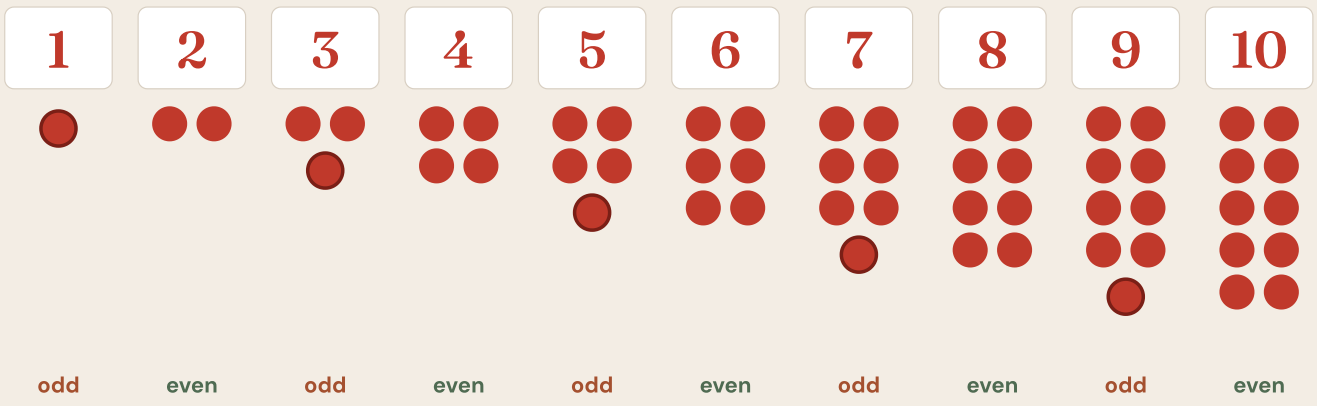
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Odd and Even, *Labels and Layout*

Use the labels only after your child has noticed the lone counters on their own.

odd	even

1. Lay the number cards 1 to 10 in a row, a hand-width apart.
2. Under each card, place the counters in pairs, side by side.
3. If one counter is left, center it below the last pair.
4. Slide a finger down between the pairs. If a counter blocks it, the number is odd. If it slides through, the number is even.
5. Later, sort the cards under "odd" and "even" from memory, then check with the counters.



Counters in pairs. A lone counter at the bottom means the number is odd. montessori-theory.com