DIY Memory Game

I don't know about you, but I have a lot of fun memories playing Memory as a kid. Thankfully, it's super easy for you and your child to make your very own set!

First of all, a reminder of how to play:

1. Mix up all of your cards and lay them on the floor or table in a grid.
2. Youngest player goes first. Players take turns, to the left, turning any two cards picture-side-up. The cards must be turned over completely, so that all players can see them. Two things can happen:
   a. Match: A player makes a match if the two cards turned picture-side-up are identical. The player takes both cards and places them in front of them. That player then takes another turn and continues taking turns until they miss.
   b. Miss: A player misses if the two cards turned over are not identical. When a player misses, they turn the two cards picture-side-down again, in the same place and that player's turn ends. Players need to pay attention so they can try to remember what was on the cards for future matches.
3. The game continues until all cards have been matched and removed from the playing area. All players then count their cards and the player with the most cards wins!

How to make them:

To make your own, it's as simple as creating a set of cards! I have created a set of six pairs on the next page for you to print to get your deck started, followed by a blank grid for your child to design their own. Just remind them that they need to draw two of everything. There is a patterned page to use as the back of the cards. You can print back and front or glue the pattern to the back. This is there so that players can't see through the white paper to the designs. That would defeat the whole purpose of using your memory! Using a heavy weight paper like cardstock will also make these more durable.

Remember, the more pairs of cards, the more difficult the game. A 6-pair game might be great for a three-year-old, while a 36-pair game might entertain a 10-year-old. Make the game as big as you'd like!