Title: *What’s Next, Nina?* (Lexile® measure: 390L)  
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Description: When the string of a borrowed necklace breaks, Nina must quickly get the beads back in order and restrung before her sister finds out.

Quantile Skill and Concept(s)  
Identify, continue, and describe rules for repeating patterns (Quantile® measure: 50Q)

Book-Directed Discussion  
After reading the book with your child, discuss the places in the book where patterns can be found (i.e., quilt on Julia’s bed, Nina’s tights, and necklaces at the store). Discuss the color, size, and shaped patterns in the back of the book. Then discuss where patterns can be found in your house.

Foundations  
Use a multi-step pattern and have your child continue it, for example, a large red circle, a small red circle, a large blue circle, a small blue circle, a large yellow circle, a small yellow circle, repeat. Give your child different colored and shaped beads to create a necklace with a repeating pattern.

Challenges and Connections  
Start a repeating shape or color pattern and have your child continue it, for example, yellow, green, red, repeat (or circle, square, triangle, repeat). Help your child string beads on a string in a repeating pattern.

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