



Collage

A great way to explore texture, colour, repeating patterns and a range of different materials.

Materials

Backing paper or thin card - the other materials will be glued on so it must be sturdy (it looks better if it is coloured rather than white).

A range of materials chosen for their interesting textures and colours e.g. cotton wool, string, scrunched up paper, packaging materials etc.

Card from a cereal box.

PVA glue.

Scissors.

Method

- Choose a simple shape that has a plain outline e.g. geometric shapes, or invent a new shape.
- Draw the shape on the cereal box card and cut out - this is the template.
- Children can explore the materials available, grouping them & discussing their chosen groups.
- Children select materials for their collage - you may wish to limit the number of different materials they can choose.
- Draw round the template on the different materials and cut out carefully.
- Lay the cut out shapes onto the backing paper and arrange in a repeating pattern.
- Stick the shapes to the backing paper with PVA glue & allow to dry.



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IDEA

Shapes - choose regular shapes
& link to tessellation
in Maths

Taking it Further

Limit the colour range to 2 colours only. Set rules such as only using natural materials. The shape of the template could fit into a specific theme. Experiment with tessellation. Try mixing 2 or more shapes and see how they relate to each other.

Understanding Texture and Shape

Children will encounter a variety of textures and shapes and can suggest suitable descriptive words. The activity helps practise manipulative skills, fine motor control and encourages the children to make choices and explain them.