



# Colour Families

Help to consolidate children's understanding of colour by grouping paper into colour families.

## Materials

- Coloured paper including tissue paper, sugar paper etc
- Backing paper
- Glue sticks

## Method

- Ask children to select some papers that they think are connected or related in some way.
- Talk about their choices.
- If necessary, guide the children towards grouping the papers into colour families e.g. shades of green, shades of red etc.
- Children select one colour family and find all the different papers that belong to it.
- Tear a piece of each paper - this could be a random shape or a long narrow strip.
- Glue the pieces down onto the backing paper in any way that the children think is attractive.

## Taking it further

Broaden the colour families to include related colours e.g. Yellow/Orange/Red or Turquoise/Green/Blue. Add strips of fabric, ribbon, braid or some sequins on top of the paper to give texture. Investigate a range of other materials and sort them into colour families.

## Experimenting

Why is colour important?  
Colour is woven through our everyday lives in our sayings, literature, affecting our moods and how we see the world around us. Children need to be familiar with colour names and the terminology of colour in order to be able to give voice to their ideas.

