

Curriculum-Linked Activities

Visual Arts

3.1 Paper Cutting (K-8)



Materials:

- Several different colors of paper
- White Paper to glue the finished product on
- Scissors
- White glue or a glue stick

Instructions

Cutting around and outline helps children to learn about the *true cutting*- a firm cut without snipping the paper.

Examples: Spring flowers, a scene from outdoors, a shop window.

1. Outline Cutting (Grades K-3)

Step 1: Cut out pictures from a magazine to practice.

Step 2: Have students glue the cut-out shapes on paper in a group or create a picture.

2. Free Cutting (Grades K-4)

Step 1: Cut out simple shapes without a visible guideline. These should be based on familiar objects

Step 2: Have students arrange the shapes on a blank page to illustrate an image or interesting pattern.

3. Pattern Building (Grades 4-8)

Pattern Building helps students express art using shapes. Examples include geometrical designs, flowers, or conventional shapes in a pattern

Instructions: This exercise can be done in a group, with each person in the group or each individual group working on different parts of the picture. Then gather and mount the final pieces

4. Silhouette (Grades 6-8)

Using the techniques learned about cut out simple objects or forms to create a picture, paying attention to the line, shape and proportion of each piece.