

Making A Picture

You can download and print one of the observation sheets to go with this activity.

Resources

Thin card shapes (a selection of triangles, rectangles, semicircles etc.)

A3 sheet of coloured thin card

A (narrow) card frame that will go around the A3 sheet to create a 'picture frame'

Activity

The adult works with a group of children around him/her. There is a variety of card shapes available and s/he chats with the children to find out where on the A3 sheet to place the shapes in order to create a picture.

Once the pieces have been agreed they can be pasted in position along with the frame.

Questions to ask

Which of these (shapes) would you like us to use?

Where shall we put this one?

Are we ready to put the frame around it?

What do you see in the picture?

Possible observations

You may have opportunities to hear how the children describe the shapes giving some evidence of their understanding of properties of 2D shapes.

Follow up

The children might decide to create their own picture.

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