



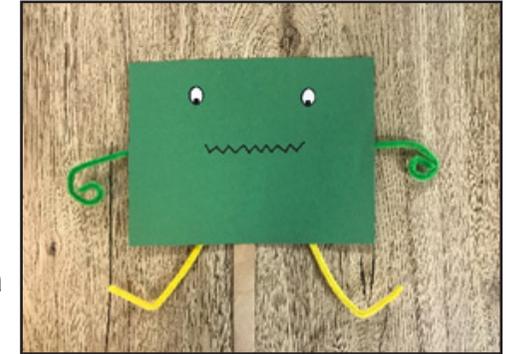
Craft Activity

Theme: Shapes - Rectangles

Intro: A rectangle is a shape with 4 sides. Two longer lengths and two shorter lengths.

Craft activity: Rectangle Puppet

Children will need: Coloured card or paper, pipe cleaners, popstick, eye stickers, black texta or crayons, glue, sticky tape, scissors, and a rectangle template.



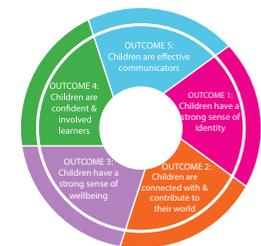
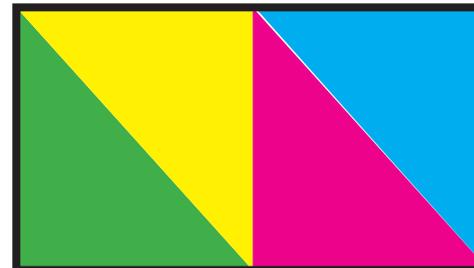
Instructions: Using the rectangle templates, cut out your rectangle card/paper. Stick on eye stickers or draw on eyes and a mouth. Bend the pipe cleaners into arm and leg shapes, stick on to the rectangles. Tape a popstick on the rectangle to make your puppet.

Extension ideas:

Can the children fold paper into a rectangles? Show them how to, you could use napkins to practise on for use at snack time.

What is your favourite shape and why?

Fact: Four triangles can fit inside of one rectangle shape.



Learning Outcome 4: Children are confident and involved learners.

Coordinator extension ideas and group time guide

Sensory activity: Squishy Bags

You will need: Medium or large sized zip lock bags, coloured gloop (*gloop is cornflour and add paint to make colours), sticky tape, table.



Instructions: Fill 1/3 of the zip lock bags with coloured gloop. Lock the seal on the bag and cover with tape. Tape each bag to the table so the children can practice drawing rectangles on them.

Outside Activity:

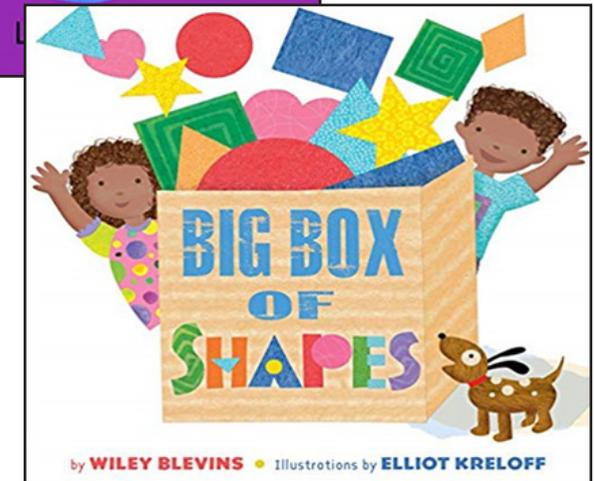
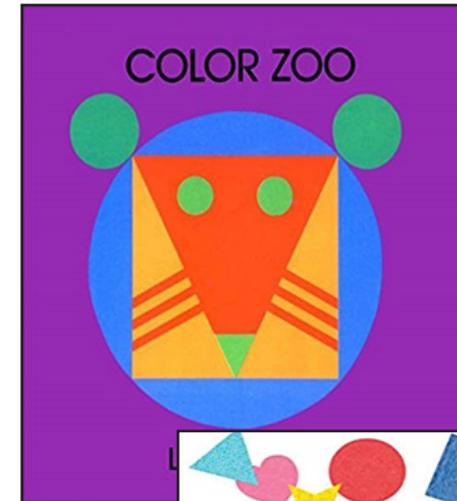
Take some chalk outside and practice drawing as many rectangles as you can on the pavement, in as many different colours as you can outside or on outdoor chalkboards.

Group time ideas:

Show and tell with the children's rectangle puppets. Ask the children:

- If their puppet has a name
- The colours of their puppet
- if they added anything special to their puppet

Ask the children to find as many rectangles at Playgroup as they can.



Book Suggestions:

Colour Zoo by Lois Ehlert

Big Box of Shapes by Wiley Blevins & Elliot Kreloff