



Craft Activity

Theme: Shapes - Square

Intro: There are many different shapes. Today, we are going to do some activities using the square shape.

Craft activity: Square Person

Children will need: Assorted coloured A4 paper/card, pipe cleaners, pop-sticks, scissors, sticky tape, textas.

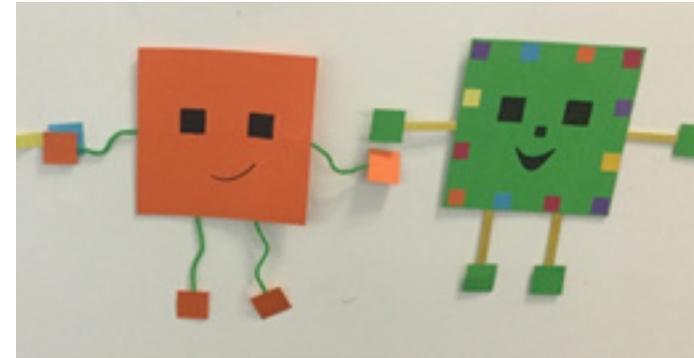
Instructions:

Cut a piece of paper/card into a square shape.

Use 4 strips of paper/card or pipe cleaners or pop-sticks and tape onto your square for arms and legs.

Cut 4 smaller squares from paper/card and tape onto the end of each arm and leg for hands and feet.

Use textas to add further detail to your square person such as eyes, nose, mouth.



Extension ideas:

Cut out some small squares and glue onto your square person for extra decoration. Add a piece of string to your square person. You can now walk your square person around with you. Does your person have a name?

Fact: All four sides of a square are equal.



Learning Outcome 4: Children are confident & involved learners.

Coordinator extension ideas and group time guide

Sensory activity: Sensory Squares

You will need: Strong cardboard or wooden pieces (cut into squares), different textured items such as felt, material, sponges, pom-poms, corrugated cardboard, bubble wrap, twigs, dry pasta shapes, rice and PVA or craft glue.

Instructions:

Glue different textured items onto card or wood squares and allow to dry. You can either keep the squares separate or glue the squares onto a larger piece of board. Children can be included to help make the sensory squares together.

Group time ideas:

- Today we did some activities about the square shape.
- How many sides does a square shape have?
- Can anyone see any items around the room that are a square shape?
- Who made a square person today?
- Did anyone touch and feel the Sensory Squares?
- What items were on the Sensory Squares?
- Who tried building some tall towers outside today?
- Talk about building towers. You may like to show children some pictures of famous towers such as Eureka Tower, Eiffel Tower.
- Look out for some square shapes in the story today. Then we will sing some songs about squares.

Outside ideas:

Building Towers: use large square blocks or cardboard boxes to build towers outside. Use chalk to draw squares and create a Hopscotch Game.



Book Suggestions:

Perfect Square by Michael Hill

The Shape of Things by Dayle Ann Dodds





Make A Square

(to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star")

From the bottom to the top,
Straight across and then you stop,
Straight down to the bottom again,
Across and stop where you began,
If the lines are the same size,
Then a square is your surprise.

Sammy Square

(you may like to use a square person from the craft activity today as 'Sammy Square')

Sammy Square is my name.
My four sides are just the same.
Turn me around, I don't care.
I'm always the same.
I'm Sammy Square.

Square Song

(to the tune of "You Are My Sunshine")

I am a square, a lovely square
I have four sides; they're all the same
I have four corners, four lovely corners
I am a square, that is my name!

Shape Song

(to the tune of: "The Farmer in the Dell")

A square is like a box,
A square is like a box,
It has four sides,
They are the same.
A square is like a box!
A circle's like a ball,
A circle's like a ball,
Round and round
It never stops.
A circle's like a ball!
A triangle has 3 sides,
A triangle has 3 sides,
Up the mountain,
Down, and back.
A triangle has 3 sides!
A rectangle has 4 sides,
A rectangle has 4 sides,
Two are long, and
Two are short.
A rectangle has 4 sides!