

## 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.