

Curriculum Share

DRDP Measure: PD-HLTH4:
Fine Motor Manipulative Skills
Age Group: School age

Make a Mosaic

Developmental information:

Fine Motor Manipulative Skills

Child demonstrates increasing
precision, strength,
coordination, and efficiency
when using muscles of the
hand for play and functional
tasks*



Materials

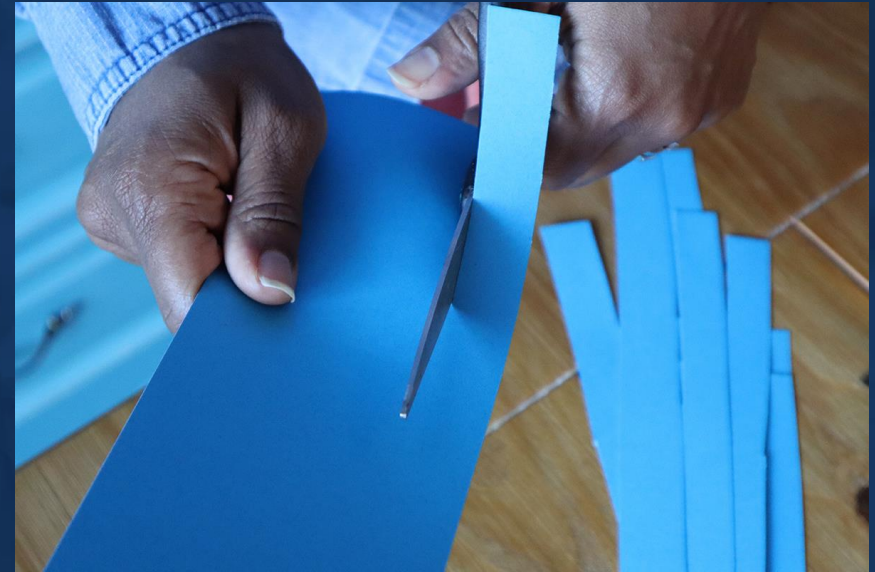
- Pencil or marker
- Different kinds of paper, such as construction paper, wrapping paper, old greeting cards, magazines, fabric, buttons, etc.
- Scissors
- Glue

Directions

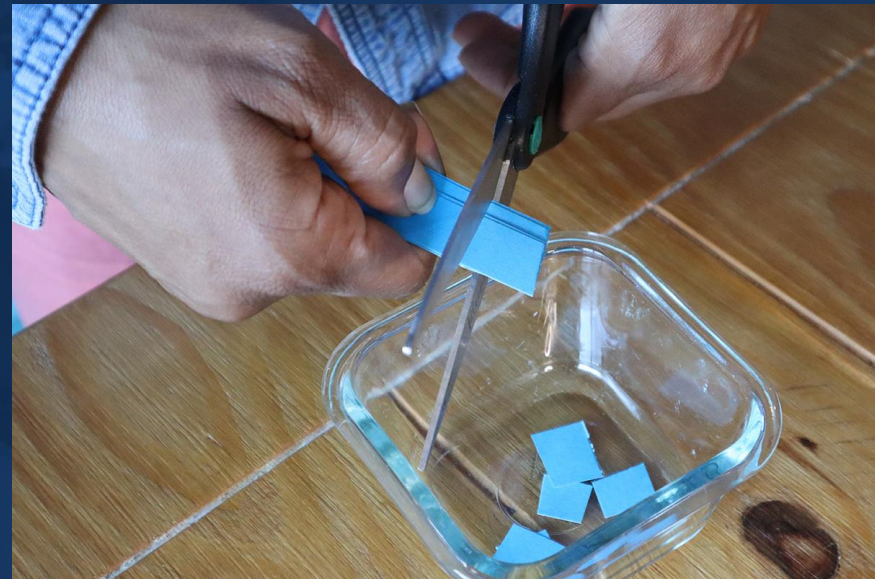
1 Start by asking your child to sketch their design on a sheet of paper. A standard black or white construction paper works best for smaller mosaics, but any size or color paper will do. Ask questions and encourage your child to think creatively about the design. What colors do you want to use? Do you want to use basic shapes or more complex images?



2 Time to make the tiles! Help your child cut multiple, different pieces of paper into $\frac{1}{4}$ inch strips. Create tiles from different colored paper and paper types. You can even use fabric. Ask your child questions about what they notice about the textures the different paper types have. Point out that adding various textures and shades will add depth to the mosaic!



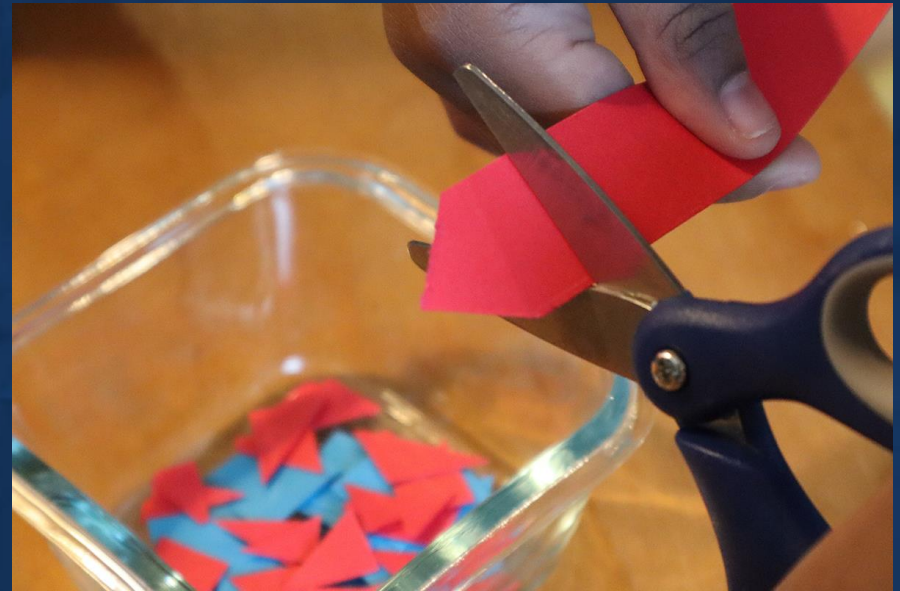
3 Once your strips are complete, help your child snip the ends into squares. Together with your child, sort the squares into piles by color. This will make it easier for you and your child to find different colors as you create your mosaic.



4 You can also encourage your child to cut the tiles into other geometric shapes, such as triangles and rectangles! Different shapes will allow for more complex images within the mosaic.

5 Next, help your child glue the “tiles” to the sketch they created earlier. Try “tiling” from the outside edges of the paper and work your way inward. Ask your child questions about the colors, textures and shapes they choose as you work on the design together.

6 Allow the glue to dry.



7 Talk about the final product. What was easy about the project? What was more challenging? Do you want to make another one with different shapes or colors? Help your child share the mosaic with a friend or family member. Create a frame by gluing the mosaic to a larger piece of construction paper.

