



KinderPrep Supplemental Fine Motor Activity

Square Art Project

You will work on skills relating to math, fine motor, asking questions, and print motivation with this activity. It is based on the book, "Perfect Square" by Michael Hall. You can hear the book read on YouTube if you are not able to find it at the library.

Items needed:

Paper; cut into squares – I used a 6" square, but any size will work.

Scissors

Glue

Hole punch

First read the book, "Perfect Square" and talk about all the different ways that the square was taken apart – cut, poked, torn, shredded, shattered, snipped, crumpled, ripped, and wrinkled. Ask questions about what the square became and what was their favorite. Have them ask questions about the book.

Cut a piece of paper into a square and let them cut, rip, punch holes, and take the square apart in whichever way they want. To bring math into the activity, have them count the number of sides of the square before they take it apart and have them count how many pieces they have after taking it apart. Have them identify new shapes if they made them – triangle, circle (hole punch), rectangle, etc.

Then let them create and build something new with the pieces. Ask them to tell you about their new design. This is an excellent time to explain about using a small amount of glue and how to hold scissors.

