

Kwanzaa Quilt



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Preschoolers
2.5 - 4 years

Green, red and black are traditionally seen throughout this holiday. Black is used to represent the color of the people's skin who celebrate it, red for the blood that unites all people of African ancestry, and green for the rich land of Africa.

Learning Outcomes

Domain:

Cognitive

Indicator:

Identifying, creating, copying, and extending patterns

Skills:

Identifying patterns



Materials

- Black, red and green construction paper
- Scissors
- Pencil



Instructions

Step 1: Start by folding one piece of construction paper in half, width-wise. Next, cut 1" strips from the bottom of the crease to about 1" from the top of the folded paper. This will serve as your guide when weaving.

Step 2: Next, cut 1" wide strips of paper from the other two colors so you're left with multiple strips of paper. Opt for different shades of green and red paper if you can.

Step 3: Now that everything is prepped, unfold your original paper guide and lay it flat. Take one strip of paper and weave it horizontally over and under each vertical cut out from your guide.

Step 4: Repeat this process with different paper strips until your guide is completely filled.

Step 5: Trim off the excess from the ends of the strips if need be. Make a few and hang them together to create a beautiful Kwanzaa quilt of colors!



Age Adjustments

For older preschoolers: Have older preschoolers make the cuts in the paper and practice their fine motor skills!

For younger toddlers: This activity can be tricky for younger ones; try this with felt to get them used to the weaving action and prevent any tearing of paper.



Playful Questions

- What types of things do you see red on in your community?
- When you think of the color green what do you think of?
- Let's look at our skin color on our arms, are they the same?
- How many strips of paper can we fit into our quilt?
- What makes your quilt unique?