



# Seed Pattern Picture Frame

Children explore geometric shapes to create colorful patterned picture frames using the seeds of harvest fruits and vegetables.

## MATERIALS

- ⊙ recycled file folders, cut into fourths
- ⊙ construction paper, cut into 6- by 9-inch pieces
- ⊙ various seeds (popcorn kernels in different colors, sunflower seeds, pumpkin seeds, birdseed)
- ⊙ paper plates
- ⊙ liquid glue and glue sticks
- ⊙ scissors
- ⊙ frame pattern (page 41)
- ⊙ craft sticks
- ⊙ clear acetate (optional)

**1** Ahead of time, stock work stations with glue sticks, liquid glue, scissors, construction paper, and paper plates filled with different kinds of seeds.

**2** Divide the class into groups to work at different stations. Give each child a copy of the frame pattern.

**3** Have children glue their pattern onto the construction paper. Then have them cut around the outside of the frame and carefully cut out the center. (For easy cutting, have children fold the frame in half and then cut out the center as shown.)

**4** Tell children that they are going to decorate their frames with different kinds of seeds. Invite them to experiment making different patterns using the seeds (color, shape, number, and so on). Encourage children to share their ideas with one another.



## Literacy Link

Children will enjoy making their picture frames for friends and family members. Invite them to create and write gift cards in the shape of different harvest fruits.

**5** Once children have decided on an arrangement they would like to keep, they can glue the seeds onto their frame in their chosen pattern. Let the frames dry completely.

**6** To make the back of the frame, give each child one-quarter of a file folder. Show children how to trace around the frame onto the folder and cut out the shape.

**7** Give each child three craft sticks to glue to the back of the front piece of the frame, as shown. Then children can glue the back of the frame onto the craft sticks.

**8** Before children take home their frames, show them how to slip a 3 1/2- by 5-inch photo inside the frame. **OPTIONAL:** To prevent smudges, slip a piece of clear acetate, cut to size, in front of the photo.



Tip

Enlarge the pattern to use with larger photos.



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