

Fun Tissue Paper Collage!

Grade Level: Preschool

Subject: Practical Arts

Materials:

- Large sheet of paper (e.g., construction paper)
- Child-safe stick glue
- Small pieces of tissue paper (pre-cut or let the child help tear larger pieces) in various colors

Lesson Procedure:

1. Introduction (5 mins):

- Gather the materials with your student.
- Show the big paper, the colorful tissue paper pieces, and the glue stick.
- Say something like, "Today we're going to make a beautiful picture using these colorful little papers and our special sticky glue!"
- Talk about the colors of the tissue paper.

2. Demonstration (5 mins):

- Show the child how to take the cap off the glue stick and twist it up slightly (if needed).
- Demonstrate applying the glue to a small area of the big paper. "See? I'm putting some sticky glue right here."
- Pick up a piece of tissue paper and gently press it onto the glued spot. "Now I take a piece of colorful paper... and pat, pat, pat... it sticks!"
- Emphasize applying glue to the paper, not the tissue paper (it's less frustrating for little hands).

3. Activity Time (15-20 mins):

- Give the child the large paper and the glue stick.
- Place the tissue paper pieces within easy reach.
- Encourage the child to put glue on the paper and stick the tissue paper pieces wherever they like.
- Offer gentle guidance if needed, like "Try putting some glue over here first," or "Pick a color you like!"
- Let the child lead the creation. It can be abstract shapes, blobs of color, or an attempt at a specific picture – the process is the focus!
- Talk about what they are doing: "Wow, you chose the blue paper!" or "You're doing a great job sticking those down!"

4. Clean-up & Wrap-up (5 mins):

- When the child seems finished or is losing interest, praise their work. "Look at the wonderful picture you made!"
- Help them put the cap back on the glue stick.
- Involve them in tidying up any stray tissue paper pieces.
- Display their artwork somewhere special to dry.

Differentiation/Tips:

- **For younger preschoolers:** Focus purely on the sensory experience of gluing and sticking. Use larger tissue paper pieces.
- **For older preschoolers:** Encourage them to fill a specific shape drawn lightly on the paper (like a circle or heart) or to create a picture (like a sun or flower). They might also enjoy tearing the tissue paper themselves.
- **Mess management:** Place the large paper on a protected surface (like newspaper or a plastic mat).