

The Japanese Art of Hapa-Zome

This is a universally fun art activity which involves smashing up plants to release their natural pigments into cloth to stunning effect.

Expressive Arts Activity

All levels

 Inspired by a range of stimuli, I can express and communicate my ideas, thoughts and feelings through activities within art and design.
EXA 0-05a / EXA 1-05a / EXA 2-05a

 Become proficient in drawing, painting, sculpture and other art, craft and design techniques **(KS1-3)**

 Investigate: the natural environment - using a range of materials **(KS2)**

 Use a range of media, materials, tools and processes... **(KS1-2)**

 To enable the child to have enjoyable and purposeful experiences of different art media and to have opportunities to explore, experiment, imagine, design, invent and communicate with different art materials **(Primary all levels)**

Hapa-Zome is a Japanese term meaning 'leaf-dye.' The activity is suitable as a stand alone expressive arts session. It could be used to support relevant geography or history topic work or even conducted as a scientific investigation into fabric absorbency or natural dyes.

Equipment

- Mallets, rolling pins or even just hand-sized rocks
- Cotton fabric such as calico, cut up bed sheet or muslin
- Kitchen roll
- Various leaves, berries, flowers etc

Activity

1. Collect a range of leaves, berries and flowers etc.
2. Position the natural materials as desired on a small piece of cotton fabric.
3. Cover the materials with a sheet of kitchen roll.
4. Hammer all over the kitchen roll for several minutes.
5. Remove the kitchen roll and the plant matter to enjoy the resultant imprint on the fabric.



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