



Extended Learning for Educators
WHAT CAN THIS BE?



Purpose To demonstrate how shapes can represent objects in the environment through imagination and creative expression

Learning Goals

- Use shapes to make figurative compositions
- Represent people, places, or things through symbolic use of shapes
- Create artistic works that reflect thoughts, feelings, experiences, or knowledge

What You Need

- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- Crayons

Step 1 Draw and cut out shapes with children. Make sure to include numerous circles, squares, and triangles in a variety of sizes and colors.

Step 2 Choose a picture from the RelationShapes™ app gallery. Identify and label the shapes (e.g., two squares and one circle).

Step 3 Have children find the same shapes among the cutout shapes.

Step 4 Ask children to design a new picture by imagining what the shapes can be. Give general guidance such as, “Food,” “Animals,” or “Something we can ride in.”

Step 5 Take turns making different pictures from the same shapes. Guess each other’s creations. Children can glue their favorite idea to paper and use crayons to add details.

SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW!

- To extend creativity, encourage children to draw a related background around the objects in their shape pictures.
- Create a “shape museum” by displaying children’s completed shape pictures as an exhibit. Talk about the different artwork children imagined and created from the same shapes!