

RAFT IDEAS

Topics: Art History,
Patterns & Shapes, Design

Materials List

- ✓ Cardstock sheet,
14 cm x 21 cm
(5½" x 8½")
- ✓ Smooth plastic
adhesive
- ✓ Colorful cling
plastic scraps
(several colors)

This activity can be used
to teach:

- Experiment w/ forms,
structures & materials
(National Visual Arts
Standards: Creating,
Grades K-8)

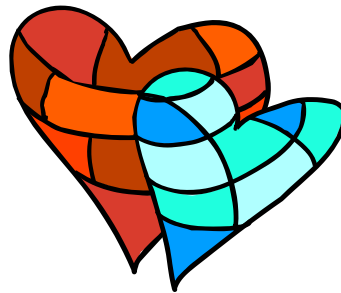
Common Core English
Language Arts Standards:

- Narratives (Grades K-
8, Writing, 3)
- Organization &
development (Grades
3-8, Writing, 4)
- Grammar /Spelling
(Grades K-8,
Language, 1, 2)
- Use knowledge of
language when
writing (Grades 2-8,
Language, 3)



Morphable Mosaic Cards

When You Care Enough to Send a Creative Experience



Don't just send a nice greeting... send an activity! Students create a mosaic image card that also offers hours of creative play for the receiver.

To Do and Notice

1. Fold the cardstock sheet in half lengthwise, creating a greeting card
2. Cut a piece of the smooth plastic adhesive to place on the front of the card, 9 cm x 10.5 cm (3½" x 4¼") works well. Optional: round the corners of the adhesive.
3. Cut the cling plastic strips into small, unique shapes and stick them to the adhesive; these are the mosaic tile pieces. Students can arrange the mosaic tile pieces into shapes to decorate the front of the card. The lucky recipient of the card can then rearrange the tiles to create a brand new shape!

The Content Behind the Activity

Mosaics are pictures or other designs created by using small, colored pieces of material laid into or on another surface. Mosaics have been found dating as far back as 2600 BC, decorating homes, temples and even serving as early portraits of battles and myths. Mosaics were most popular during Greek and Roman times, adorning the inside of most homes. Instead of mopping the floors, Romans would leave the ceiling above a mosaic floor covering open and let the rain wash the tiles. Mosaics can be created from countless materials, from pebbles to clay to glass...to shiny plastic strips!

Web Resources (Visit www.raft.net/raft-idea?isid=237 for more resources!)

For more information about mosaics, including history, materials, and methods, visit:

- www.dimosaico.com/pages/mosaic.htm
- <http://www.thejoyofshards.co.uk/history/>