

Shape Dinosaur

What do you need?

- Different coloured paper (cut out different shapes – rectangles and squares for head and legs, ovals for tail, triangles for spines ad body, circles for eyes, etc.)
- (optional challenge – children’s scissors) you can a draw the shapes on the coloured paper and ask your children to cut the shapes out by themselves if you want to challenge them
- Background paper
- PVA glue/glue stick
- (Optional) pen, colouring pens/crayons
- (Optional) felt, bubble wrap, any type of paper with a texture, lollypop sticks, straws, toothpicks

What to do?

This activity requires lots of imagination. And we know your children have plenty of it! To encourage and boost your children’s creativity, you will be making shape dinosaurs!

There are many different types of dinosaur. Dinosaurs of many shapes, colours and sizes.

Explain to your children that they have an opportunity to create their own dinosaur. They can use any shapes and colours. We want to make sure that your children make their dinosaur special. Encourage them to use a variety of shapes and colours. You can add different types of materials to add texture to their creation.

As they start their creation, ask them questions about the shapes and colours:

- ‘What shape are you using for the head? What colour is it?’
- What part of the body are you choosing now?’
- How many legs is your dinosaur going to have? How many shapes did you use for the neck? How many spikes does your dinosaur have?’
- What shape is this one? Can you use another shape?’
- How do you know that this is square/rectangle/triangle/circle?’

Help them count the points on a shape (ie 3 points on a triangle) if needed.

You can use pens to draw facial features on to the dinosaurs.

Make sure that your children place each piece next to one another.



Challenge

You can make this activity more challenging for your children if you ask them to pick a certain shape and create a certain body part of a dinosaur.

For example, ask your children:

- ‘Do you think you could find a circle?’ ‘How can you make a dinosaur’s head round?’
- ‘Do you think you can choose a rectangle for your dinosaur’s body?’
- ‘Could you find 5 triangles for your dinosaur’s spikes? Can you stick them on to it’s back for me?’

Here are some examples of the dinosaurs you can make. Have fun!

