

Green Collage

Pay tribute to the color that comes to everyone's mind as St. Patrick's Day nears: green! Go on a scavenger hunt around the house for small green objects to use in your collage. Filled with tactile exploration, this activity is great for boosting little kids' creativity and fine motor skills.

What You Need:

- Several small green objects in various textures and shapes
- Poster board or construction paper
- Glue
- Hole punch
- String

What You Do:

1. Start by figuring out how to lay out the collage. Ask your child if she wants to lay out the objects in random fashion or assemble them within a pattern, such as a shamrock (see photo).
2. Help your child arrange and glue the items onto the poster board or construction paper, encouraging her to explore the way things look and feel.
3. To maximize this multi-sensory experience, you can add a sorting element by dividing the collage into different visual sections. One section could be dedicated to tactile objects of various textures such as smooth and rough; a second area could be used to identify shapes such as circles, lines, and stars; and a third could be used to differentiate colors such as light vs. dark green.
4. Let the glue dry.
5. Once the glue is dry, it's time to hang up your collage for everyone to admire! Simply punch two holes at the top of the collage, thread string through the holes, tie a knot and hang it in a prominent place in the house.

