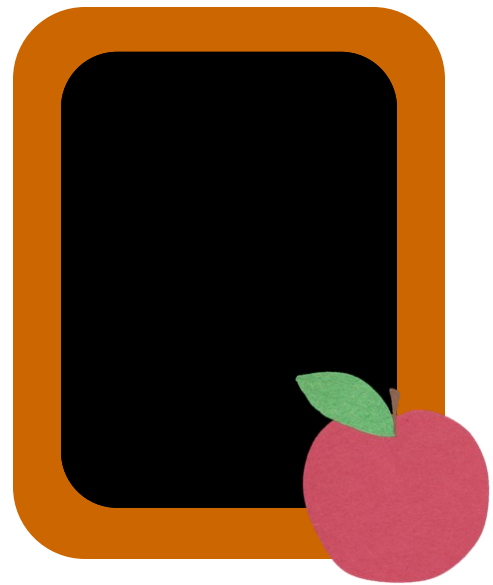


# Old Fashioned Slate Wall Cards

## Materials:

- 9X6 brown or tan construction paper
- 9X6 black construction paper
- 3X3 red construction paper
- 2X2 green construction paper
- scraps brown construction paper
- glue stick
- white chalk



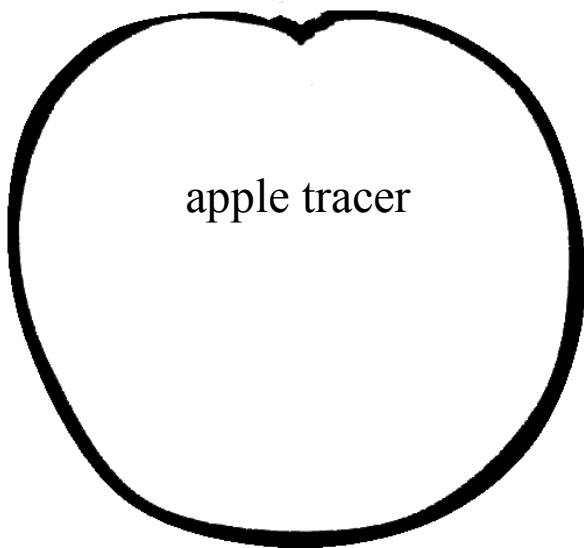
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## Directions:

1. Trim off the corners of a piece of 9X6 brown construction paper, or use a large tracer to draw one and cut it out.
2. Cut a piece of black paper into 7X4 inches and trim off the corners, or use a small tracer to draw one and cut it out.
3. Paste the smaller black paper in the center of the larger brown paper and paste them together. Make sure the black piece is centered correctly.
4. Cut an apple out of 3X3 red construction paper, or use the tracer to draw one and cut it out.
5. Cut a leaf out of 2X2 green construction paper, or use the tracer to draw one and cut it out.
6. Cut an apple stem out of a scrap of brown construction paper.
7. Paste the apple, stem, and leaf together. Plaste them onto a corner of the slate.
8. Write the item you are learning in neat, big letters on the black slate with a piece of chalk.
9. Punch a hole in the center of the top of the slate so it can hang on the wall.
10. Turn it in so I can laminate it.

large slate tracer for  
tan frame

small slate tracer for  
black slate



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## Tips and Suggestions

Older children can measure and cut their own construction paper, but younger children will have an easier time using the tracers. Run several sets of tracers off on cover stock and cut them out before hand. You can display the slates on your classroom wall by hanging them in a random pattern, or place a strip of butcher paper to look like a shelf and hang them in rows. You could also have one “shelf” with random slates and allow the children to put the cards in order to make a sentence, or alphabetize them.

## Using Wall Cards

Use monthly wall cards to practice repetitive skills such as math facts and formulas, sight words, vocabulary, science and social studies facts, etc. Hang them on the wall or lay them out on the floor like a life-sized game board. To use this art project as flashcards for the wall, just write the word, fact, or formula that you want the children to rehearse in the center and then laminate, cut out, and punch a hole in the top so it can hang on a pin. Here are some game ideas:

- Spread the cards out on the floor so that they overlap a lot. Tell the students, “Find \_\_\_\_\_.” They all look for it at the same time. The one who finds it first keeps it. Ties are do overs.
- Spread the cards out on the floor so that they overlap just a bit. Each player tosses a penny or a chain and reads or answers the card it lands on.
- Lay the cards in a grid on the floor. Place a peanut or a piece of cereal on each card. Whoever reads or answers that card first gets the treat. (You can place the treats on a napkin or tissue or wipe the cards with a disinfectant wipe if you are worried about germs.) You can also use small toy treats in place of food.
- Lay the cards upside down on the floor. A student turns a card over. If he can read or answer it correctly he keeps it.
- With the cards hanging on the wall, play a relay game. Divide the group into two teams. The first two players are given a clue. The one who finds the correct card first keeps it for his team.

You can also go to [www.thematicteacher.com](http://www.thematicteacher.com) and click on [Tips 'N Tricks](#) to get more ideas of games to play using flashcards. Click on [Flashcards](#) under [Category Archives](#) to see all the titles.

Whatever you do with a flashcard you can do with wall cards. The children will be able to think up fun new games to play with them. You can use the cards whenever you need a quick 3-5 minute activity or as the children line up for something. It may also be used as a free time task for those who finish early, small group instruction, or small groups can work with classroom volunteers. It's a fun way to practice tedious drills.