Apple Wall Cards

Tips and Suggestions

Make a tree for your classroom wall and hang the apples on the tree, or use the included patterns to make a bushel basket to hang on the wall to store the cards.

To make the basket:

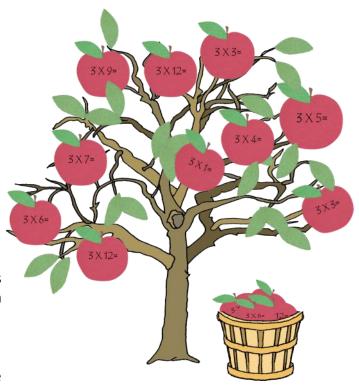
- 1. Run the pattern off on cover stock or heavy white drawing paper.
- 2. Cut out the front and back. The front is larger so it will bow out to hold the cards.
- 3. Lightly fold the front piece down the center. Don't bend it all the way.
- 4. Staple the front and back pieces together along the bottom of the basket.
- 5. Pull the front edges out and staple the sides so both the front and back sides are together. This will allow the basket to bow out in front. Staple it on the wall and keep the wall cards in it.

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.

Go to <u>www.thematicteacherblog.com</u> to get some ideas of games to play using flashcards. Click on <u>Flashcards</u> under <u>Category Archives</u> to see all the titles.

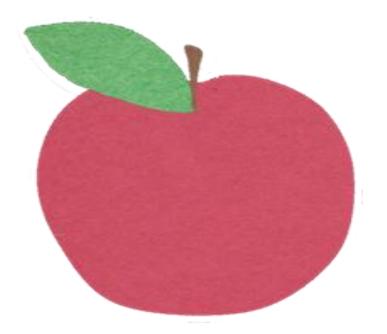
Whatever you do with a flashcard you can do with wall cards. The children will be able to think up fun new games to play with them. You can use the cards whenever you need a quick 3-5 minute activity or as the children line up for something. It may also be used as a free time task for those who finish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



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Materials:

- 6x6 red construction paper
- 2X2 green construction paper
- scraps brown construction paper
- glue stick



Directions:

- 1. Trace or draw an apple on a piece of red construction paper that is 6 inches by 6 inches.
- 2. Cut it out.
- 3. Trace or draw a leaf on a piece of green construction paper that is 2 inches by 2 inches.
- 4 Cut it out
- 5. Cut an apple stem from a scrap of brown construction paper.
- 6. Arrange the items and then glue them together.
- 7. Turn it in so I can laminate it.
- 8. Clean up your mess.

