

2.49 Tivaevae

Topic: Shapes
Subtopic: 3D shapes
Activity type/skill: Writing instructions
Literacy focus: Writing
Genre: Instructions

Objective

- Use technical and general vocabulary in a new medium.
- Revise writing skills needed to write an information report or description.

What you need

- Student worksheet (see next page)

What to do

1. Look at the two pages of the student worksheet. Read the description of tivaevae and the instructions for making a tivaevae pattern.
2. Talk about similar articles that might be produced in students' countries.
3. Tell the students that they are to write similar texts: a description and some instructions on a topic of their own choice. They should write a rough draft and take time to talk to their families or research their topic before writing a final copy. The text should be illustrated.
4. Give students feedback on text structure, layout and graphics, correct use of grammatical forms and vocabulary.
5. Encourage students to share their work with the class and publish if appropriate.

Extending the activity

- Make a tivaevae pattern from paper.
- Have students use the texts they create as the basis of a short prepared speech.
- Point out that they may like to add time phrases when giving instructions orally.
- Suggest that they bring an example of a completed article to show the class.
- Read 'A Kupesi' by Jill MacGregor, *School Journal*, Part 3, Number 2, 1998.

Tivaevae

Tivaevae are cotton bedspreads made by Cook Island women.

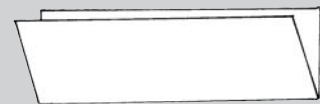
Tivaevae have flower and insect patterns in two different colours.
Tivaevae are made very carefully and are very beautiful.



To make your own tivaevae pattern you need:

- a sheet of paper
- two different coloured sheets of paper 150 mm long by 105 mm wide
- scissors
- glue
- a felt pen that is a different colour from your paper.

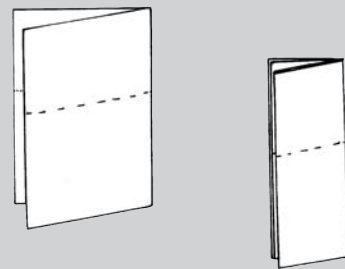
1. Fold each piece of paper in half lengthwise.



2. Open it out and fold it in half the other way.

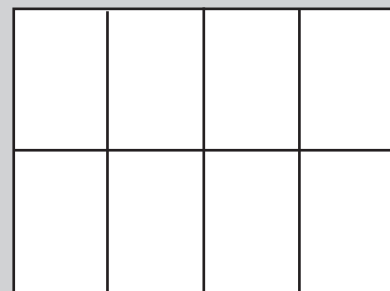
3. Fold it in half again.

4. Open out your paper. You have eight boxes. Cut these out.



5. Decide on the shape you want to use. The inside of the shape must start from one corner of the paper. Cut out all the pieces the same way. You will have 16 pieces in each colour.

6. Put the shapes on the sheet of paper to make your pattern.



7. When you have a pattern you like, glue the pieces in place.

8. When the glue is dry, add more patterns with a felt pen.

