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Puzzle Quilt Pieces

There are plenty of possibilities with
Puzzle Quilt Pieces**Français au verso**

Puzzle Quilt Pieces are creative bases for arts and crafts with lots of possibilities. Use the pieces to make a “puzzling” bulletin board or lead an “All About Me” art activity for the children to get to know one another.

Making puzzles is fun to do and helps kids improve their thinking processes, dexterity and patience.

Each piece is universal, so you can make many different puzzle shapes.

Try some of these fun activities:

- Personalized puzzle pieces! Give each child his or her own puzzle piece. Children draw or paint their piece to symbolize themselves—their home, pet, family, favorite toy, or self portrait.... Once complete, make the pieces available during playtime. Children can make puzzles and get to know each other.

- Quick and crazy quilt! Ask students to bring in a picture of themselves. Each child glues his or her picture on a puzzle piece. Decorate around the picture with markers, mosaics, stickers, glitter and other craft supplies. Hint: Mount the finished pieces on a bulletin board to create a personalized classroom decoration.

- Produce a puzzle! Give each child a cardboard square of four puzzle pieces. Each child draws a picture on the board and then pops out the pieces to create his or her very own puzzle!

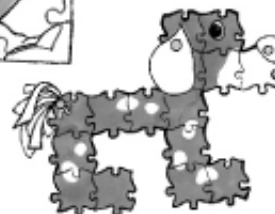
- Fashion other forms! There are several alternatives to the traditional puzzle shape. Use the puzzle pieces to create a long snake, train, or house.

- Make a mobile! Decorate both the front and back of the puzzle pieces. Punch holes, tie with string and hang pieces on a mobile.

- Great games! Use the puzzle pieces to invent fun activities such as matching, sorting or memory games.

- Funky frames! Make an interesting picture frame to decorate. Arrange the pieces in a box shape.

- Trace puzzle pieces! Place a puzzle piece on paper and trace. Move it and trace again. Continue this process until you have made a pattern. Color and decorate the shapes, or write messages on the wacky lines. Try this technique to create great wrapping paper and book covers!

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