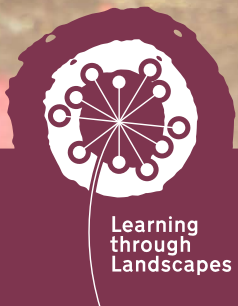




Art & Design  
Age 5-7

# Hapa Zome

- Using natural materials



Learning  
through  
Landscapes

## Overview

- Hapa zome is a Japanese term meaning 'leaf-dye.' It provides a great context for pupils to investigate the natural world using a range of materials from nature whilst also developing motor skills.

## Learning outcomes

- To learn a new skill of Japanese hapa zome
- To express creatively through a traditional art technique
- To develop fine and gross motor skills

## Equipment

- Mallets, rolling pins or even just hand-sized rocks
- Cotton fabric such as calico, cut up bed sheet, or muslin (kitchen roll also works)
- Various fresh leaves, berries, and flowers.

## Activity

1. Collect a range of leaves, berries and flowers.
2. Position the natural material on a small piece of cotton fabric
3. Cover the natural items with a second piece of fabric.
4. Hammer all over the top layer of material until the dye can be seen seeping through.
5. Remove the top layer and the plant matter to enjoy the imprint on the fabric.

## Further activities

Subject area	Suggested curriculum links	Potential outputs to show learning
Design and technology	Design	Make a variety of different items using the techniques, such as bunting, labels or even clothing
Science	Properties of materials	Investigate how suitable different materials are and how well the natural dye is absorbed
Mathematics	Shape	Challenge pupils to incorporate symmetry or repeated patterns into their designs



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