

Mehndi Patterns

Encourage children to practice early mark making and writing skills whilst gaining an awareness and understanding of other cultures with this week's mehndi patterns activity!

Learning aims

- Gain awareness and understanding of other cultures
- Develop a respect for others and their ways of life
- Develop fine motor skills
- Use descriptive language and gain new vocabulary
- Gain an awareness of shape and size
- Express themselves and be creative.



Resources

- A wide variety of drawing/writing media in different colours e.g. crayons, pencils, chalks, paint
- Paintbrushes
- Paper
- Photos, books, images of different intricate patterns
- Camera.

Activity outline

- Set out the different media and paper
- Show children pictures of different patterns
- Model drawing round your hand and support children to draw around their own hand
- Give children time and space to create their own patterns within their own hand outline
- Let children's imaginations go wild; stand back and listen to children's conversations as they talk about their patterns
- Intervene at appropriate times to talk to children about their patterns
- Highlight patterns in the environment.

Differentiation

- Take the activity outside and encourage children to notice patterns in the natural environment
- For babies provide coloured gloop/paint/wet sand and support them to explore the media to make marks
- Talk to older children and share books, stories and songs about the culture and traditions of Eid and Islam