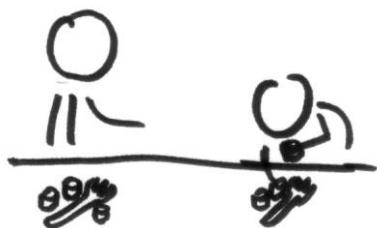


D VISUAL SKILLS

D3: Masterpiece/Mosaic

Needed: 4-5 small items for each student. Items could include buttons, nuts, stones, seeds, bottle caps, popcycle sticks, toothpicks, (used) matches, (plastic) spoons and forks

Activity: Students work in small groups of 2-5. One student is the master mosaic maker. This student chooses three items and lays them out in a pattern. Each other student in the group looks carefully at this pattern, then tries to choose the same three types of items and lay them out in the same way. The Master looks at all of the mosaics in his/her group. Are they true copies? Repeat, with a different Master, until all students who wish to be Master have had a turn.



In smaller classes, the teacher may start as the Master. All students try to copy the Master's design.

Variation 1: If there are not enough items for each student to copy the mosaic, the students may draw the mosaic on pieces of paper. The Master checks, or the students check each other's drawings to see whether or not they are correct.

Variation 2: The students look carefully at the design. They all close their eyes. The Master changes one or two things. Who can spot the difference?

This can also be done in small groups.

This can also be done the other way around. The Master turns his/her back and the students change the design. Does the Master notice what has been changed?

Variation 3: The students work in pairs. They take turns being the Master. They also take turns being the one who changes one or two things in the design. The other has to notice the change and copy it.



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