BEAUTY IN SHAPES AND MEASUREMENTS (LEVEL 1)

Description	Learners will learn about shapes while using readily available examples within their homes and their bodies. Learners will also use their body parts to measure various things, learn about the need for standardized measurements, and use what they have learned to create geometric patterns.
Leading Question	Can we find any beauty in shapes and measurements?
Total Time Required	~5 hours over 3 days.
Supplies Required	Paper and pencil, (optional: removable stickers like sticky notes)
Learning Outcomes	 Learning about the characteristics of 2D shapes. Some proportions of the human body. Using the body for spatial measurements and estimations
Previous Learning	Counting, basic names of shapes.

Day 1

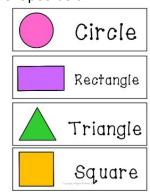
Today you will learn about different geometrical shapes.

Suggested Duration

Activity and Description

10-15 minutes

- Introduction to the main 2-dimensional shapes: triangle, square, rectangle, and circle.
- Pay attention to the shapes below:



Source:

https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/4-Basic-Shapes-Bundle-Circle-Triangle-Square-Rectangle-1959150



Spend some time looking closely at each one of them. For each case, answer:

- What do you see?
- Can you give one characteristic for each of these shapes?

Arrive to the following conclusions based on your answers to the questions above:

- A triangle is made of 3 sides, and it has 3 angles or corners.
- A circle is a perfect shape of a set of points that are all exactly the same distance from one point which we call the center.
- A square has 4 equal sides and 4 right (90 degree) angles.
- A rectangle has 4 right angles, but its sides are not all equal.

10 minutes

- Find at least 4 squares around the house.
- Draw one of them.

10 minutes

- Find at least 3 rectangles around the house.
- Draw these rectangles in your notebook

10 minutes

- Find at least 10 circles around the house.
- Can you draw a perfect circle without tracing?

15 minutes

- Find at least 10 triangles around the house.
- Put a sticker on every triangle you find (optional) and draw it in your notebook.

30 minutes

- Learners will go around the house to see all the triangles that the learner found and identify the ones he or she may have missed and put stickers on them.
- From the triangles, identify which ones are:
 - Equilateral (have 3 equal sides, and angles)
 - Isosceles (having 2 equal sides and one other side that is longer or shorter)
 - Right (having a 90-degree angle which looks like a L letter)
 - *Optional- Obtuse (having one 'wide' angle)
- TIP: if some of the types of triangles were not found, the parent is to draw them and explain the difference with the ones that they found.

15 minutes

 Draw at least 3 objects that have a combination of 2 or more shapes from the list of shapes in this lesson, i.e: square, rectangle, triangle, circle. • For practice, you may draw a house that has all the four shapes.



• HINT: if learners are struggling with ideas of what to draw, you may recommend some objects like a car, a phone, radio, ...etc.

Day 2

Today you will learn about using your body as a measuring device. Long time ago, people used their body parts as measurement units.

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Activity and Description

15 minutes

- Introduce the learner to the Day 2 worksheet attached.
- How tall are you in your own span?
- The span is the measure using your own hand from the tip of the thumb to the tip of your little finger.
- Stand against a wall and place a sticky note on the wall at the top of your head.
- Measure how many spans there are.
- Try it with other family members and ask them to measure their height with their own span length.

How tall am I, measured with my own span?	
How tall is dad, measured with his own span?	
How tall is mom, measured with her own span?	



Other family members	
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• What do you think? Can you make a conclusion on this?

*Hint: do all family members have a similar count of spans when measuring their height? Do you want to see if this also applies to friends and their families?

20 minutes

- Which is longer: your height, or your Fathom (Fathom is the distance between your hands when your arms are stretched sideways)?
- Sleep on the ground and let your brother/sister place a mark/sticky note where the bottom of your feet touches the floor, and one at the tip of your head.
- Open your arms and lay facing down horizontally between the 2 marks.
- Which distance is longer?
- Try the same with other family members,
- What do you think? Can you make a conclusion on this? Are the measurements the same?

10 minutes

- How many spans is a cubit? (a cubit is the length from your elbow to the tip of your longest finger)
- Try the same with other family members, what do you think?

10-15 minutes

• Parents challenge the learners to form the following shapes using their bodies:

In how many ways can you form a square using your body? (hint: using your chest and arms, or a small square using your fingers,)

In how many ways can you form a rectangle using your body?
In how many ways can you form a circle using your body? (using your arms, or using your fingers)

15 minutes

 Using your body parts against a wall or the ground, form the following triangles

Right (for example one leg vertical, one stretched sideways) Isosceles (for example stand straight and slight open your legs)



Equilateral (for example use your cubits and the side of a table)

(*Optional) Obtuse (having an angle that is larger than 90 degrees)

15 minutes

- What is the height of the room in Fathoms?
- You can estimate that in the toilet or kitchen where you have tiles
 on the wall (if they are tiled, if it is not tiled, measure the height up
 to the point where you can reach).
- Measure your height in tiles, then count how many tiles are there from floor to ceiling (if they are tiled, if it is not tiled, measure the height up to the point where you can reach). How many of your heights can fit on top of each other from floor to ceiling?

15 minutes

- Use your foot to measure the room's length.
- Repeat by asking your parent or older sibling to measure the same room length using his foot. How different are the 2 measurements?
- Reflection: Why do you think people came up with standards units of measurement?
- Supervisor must reinforce that the need for standard units is important because people of different heights would have different measurements of the same object.
- You can share some examples of standard units of measurement for length that are applicable to your context - meters, kilometers, miles, yards, acres, etc

Day 3

Today you will reflect on what you learned and use your new skills in a new worksheet.

Suggested Duration

Activity and Description

10 minutes

 Show the learner a drawing (in Day 3 worksheet). It actually shows a man inside a square and a circle. What do we learn from this drawing?

What do you see? Describe the drawing. Notice as many details as you can.

 How do you connect this drawing to what you have learned the previous days?



	 What is something new that we can learn from this drawing?
	(Some discussion points may include: It shows a man inside a square and a circle, it confirms one of their earlier observations that one's own fathom is equal to the person's height, etc.).
1 hour	Learners should work on Day 3 worksheet.
15 minutes	Reflection:
	How did math help you in creating geometric patterns?
	Do you think patterns are beautiful? Why?
	Where have you noticed patterns before in real life? Buildings?
	Would you try to create patterns? What for, and where would yo
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ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

- Observation checklists while learners are working on activities
- Learner's answers about their conclusions and reflections
- Learner's creativity in the day 3 activities and closing challenge

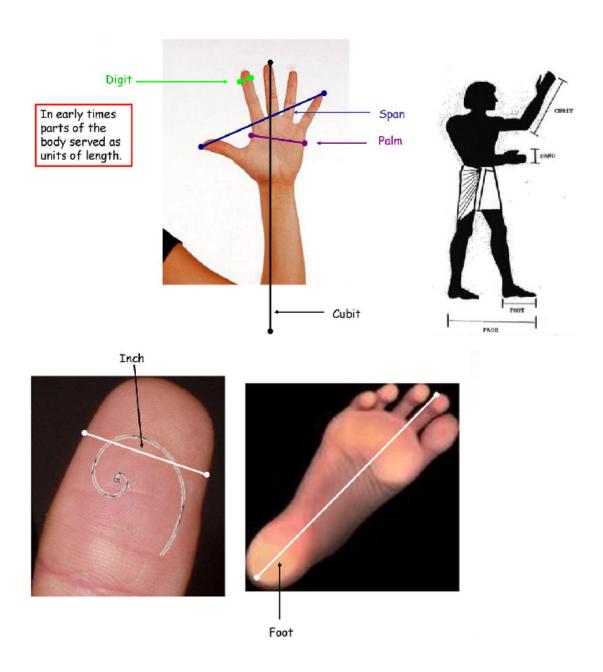
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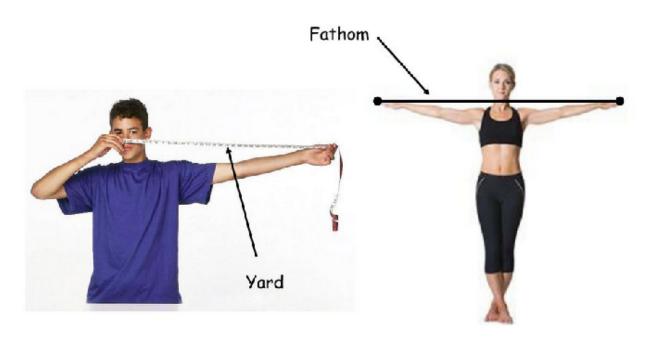
• Create a new pattern other than the ones on the worksheet on a A4 sheet of paper that they can work on during their free time.



Day 2 Worksheet

Day 2 Worksheet-Body dimensions





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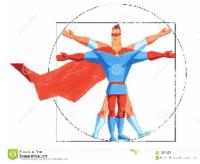


DAY 3 WORKSHEET

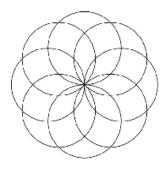
Day 3 worksheet

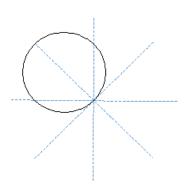
Cartoon hero based on the Vitruvian man drawing by Leonardo Da Vinci. What does the square tell you?

(Hint: fathom versus height?)



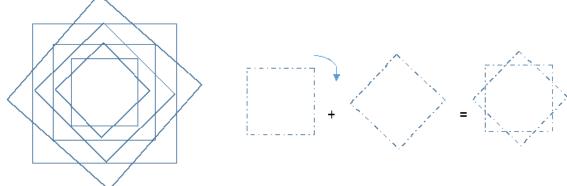
1. Can you draw the following Mandala?





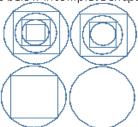
Hint: you can use a cup to draw the <u>8 circles</u>, with the help of <u>4 intersecting segments</u>.

2. Can you recreate this pattern?



Hint: start with a large square, then a rotated one on top of it, and then repeat with smaller ones inside...

3. Can you create a pattern using two different shapes with repetition to create a larger image?
See the below incomplete shape made of circles and squares. (are the square sides bent or not?)



4. Here is another example of a pattern using one equilateral triangle repeatedly. Recreate this pattern on a small sheet of paper (A5 size).



5. 3D illusions: Do you know how to draw a cubic box? To draw the below cube, you first need to draw the shape, and then to add colors (3 different levels of intensity) to make the effect of light and shadows.







6. (*Optional) Can you draw a pattern by putting those shapes next to one another? Then another layer below? Then fill a whole page of your notebook with this pattern?

