

Ann's Creative Corner

Project #256: Puppy Love!

- Look for photos of puppies and dogs from Magazines, Calendars, Newspapers, flyers etc.
- Cut around the puppy in detail or just lightly around the basic puppy shape or even a circle or square around the puppy.
- Younger children that may just be learning the snipping action could help with the basic square idea around the photo.
- Some Preschoolers may be able to cut around the puppy shape in a circle.
- Older children could do more detailed cutting.
- Be sure to prepare the picture in a relatively small area so the children can manipulate the picture easier. Large pieces of paper are difficult to manipulate with smaller children. The coordination skills and smaller hands are not ready for large pieces of paper.
- If your Toddler or Preschooler is just starting to cut, let them practice by snipping small pieces of paper first!
- When the children are ready and safe of scissors is in place, start cutting around the pictures. Be aware that some children may cut the photo in half but remember this is a process no a product so be a little free with the cutting or continue to practice cutting other paper.
- When your puppies are ready, use a glue stick to glue them onto a piece of construction paper. Give the children a choice of colours they may like.
- Other details can be drawn onto your collage as the children see fit. Could be trees, flowers, grass, dog house etc.

Activity: Pet Store or Animal Shelter

Go to visit an animal shelter or a pet store to view the dogs and puppies. Observe what they eat, sounds they make, colours, scents etc. Talk to Staff about the Care of Dogs and Puppies.

