

## Corn Mosaics



Children will understand how corn is grown and processed to make tortillas. As children learn to do new and exciting things, it is important for them to express what they have learned through their artwork. Mosaics made from corn kernels will help them relate to what they have learned, while expressing themselves through various materials and creations.

### You will need:

- Lots of corn kernels
- Different colors of paint (spray paint perhaps)
- Thick paper (cardstock)
- Glue
- Pencils
- Paper plates

### How to:

1. Use a variety colors of corn or paint the kernels different colors before doing this activity so they can be dry when it is time to do with activity.
2. Discuss with children the importance of corn. Sequence the steps in growing and harvesting corn.
3. Display kernels on paper plates, with each color on a separate paper plate. Have paper, glue, and pencils out, as well. Students can get started by coming up in groups to get the materials they need.
4. Explain to students that they are going to make a corn mosaic using the kernels.
5. Students are to draw the picture with a pencil first so they can use it as a guide when they are placing their kernels. Instruct them to put glue on one half of their picture and place the kernels, and then put glue on the second half and place the kernels.
6. Explicitly model for the students what they are to do for this activity. Encourage them to create a scene from the book read prior to this activity.

### Suggested Books:

- Corn* by Gail Gibbons
- The Corn Grows Ripe* by Dorothy Roads
- Corn is Maize: The Gift of the Indians* by Alike
- Raccoons and Ripe Corn* by Jim Arnosky