



Mouse Stamp

ACTIVITY 1: Counting

Ask the child to choose an image from the bank at the top of the screen e.g. the car. A palette of different coloured cars will appear at the left hand side of the screen.

Ask the child to print 4 blue cars in a line.

Count each one as they are printed.

Now ask the child to choose a different coloured car and print a second row, but this time the row should include an extra car. How many cars should they print? How many more cars are there in the second row? How many cars are there altogether?

This activity can be repeated using any of the images.

Do you want to save your picture?

Click on the 'snapshot' icon. You can write your name in the box if you like. Click 'yes' to save and 'ok' to continue.

You can look at your picture at any time by clicking on the icon 'visit the gallery'. This is found at the bottom left hand corner of the screen on the main menu.



ACTIVITY 2: Another counting activity

Make activity cards using the screen images and encourage children to follow simple instructions e.g. stamp 5 yellow stars.

More able children may be able to follow more than one instruction e.g. stamp 2 red butterflies, 3 blue flowers and a yellow sun.

Further cards can be made to introduce children to simple problem solving activities e.g. print 6 yellow cars, print 4 blue cars. How many more yellow cars are there than blue? How many cars are there altogether?



ACTIVITY 3: Wallpaper prints

Art Unit 2B Mother Nature, designer

Collect a range of different styles of wallpaper. If possible find some samples of paper designed by William Morris.

Discuss the various samples and likes and dislikes of each sample.

Do children like the colours used? Are the prints too big or too small?

Make a list of the children's favourite types of wallpaper.

Which colour is the most popular for children's wallpaper?

Which is the least popular colour.

Ask the children to design some new wallpaper for their bedroom.

They can choose any printing technique.

Make a display of samples of real wallpapers and display. Add the children's work to the display.

Computer generated wallpaper

Choose any image and colour from the palette.

Make a pattern on the screen and print out the result.

The pattern can also be used as wrapping paper and used to cover a range of small boxes of different shapes. Add coloured or shiny ribbon and display on a table.

Save the wallpaper and wrapping paper patterns by following the instructions at the end of activity 1.

