

# Discover & Design Watermelon Paver



## DETAILS

Time:

- Approximately 60 minutes

Age Range:

- Preschool/Elementary

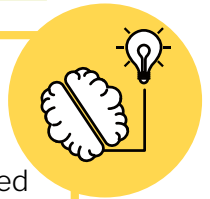
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## OBJECTIVES

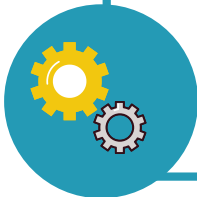
Children will:

- discover what watermelon seeds need to germinate and thrive.
- apply the principles of art and elements of design to create a unique watermelon to display outside.



## MATERIALS

- Crescent garden edger block
- Red, pink, green, and black acrylic paint
- Paintbrush
- Newspaper
- Cup of water for cleaning brush
- Optional: Clear acrylic sealer and embellishments



## INTRODUCTION

You can't have summer without a juicy slice of watermelon. During this activity, children will develop their decision-making skills and hand-eye coordination as they paint their own one-of-a-kind watermelon to proudly display.

## ELEMENTS OF DESIGN & ART PRINCIPLES

It is important to make a plan to create a visually appealing project. Consider discussing the Elements of Design (line, shape, color, texture, & space) and Art Principles (rhythm, proportion, emphasis, balance, & unity) as you create this project together.

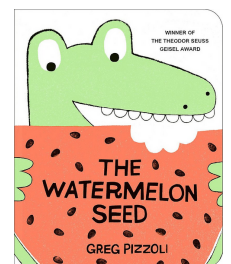
Ask:

- Where did you get your idea for your design?
- What do you like about the way your project looks?
- What is the first thing you notice about your project?
- What might you change another time?

## SUGGESTED SONGS AND BOOKS

Watermelon (Are You Sleeping?)

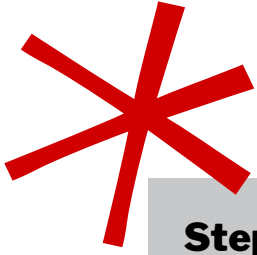
Watermelon,  
Watermelon,  
On the vine,  
On the vine,  
Green and ripe and juicy,  
Green and ripe and juicy,  
Please be mine,  
Please be mine.



The Watermelon Seed by Greg Pizzoli

A young crocodile has a problem. He loves watermelon, but he is afraid of what will happen if he eats one of the seeds. Check this book out to see what happens!

# DIRECTIONS



## Watermelon

<https://fitandhealthykids.unl.edu/discover-and-design>

### Step 1

Have you ever swallowed a watermelon seed? Can a watermelon really grow in your stomach? No, that is just a myth!

Seeds need the right conditions to grow a new plant. Make a list of all of the things that seeds need to germinate. Discuss the stages of growth in the watermelon life cycle.

### Step 2

Time to get started! Gather supplies for the watermelon project and create a design plan.

Remember, the process of creating art is much more important than the finished project. Each watermelon slice should be unique and show the individual creativity of the artist who designed it.

### Step 3

Using green, paint the rind of the watermelon. Use the edge of the paver as your guide. Some watermelons have stripes or webbing. Do you want to add details?



### Step 4

The flesh of a watermelon can be different colors; red, pink, white, orange, and yellow. Select a color of paint or mix your own and paint the inside of your watermelon.



### Step 5

Did you know there are between 200-800 seeds in the average American watermelon? Using a small paintbrush or a toothpick, add black seeds to your watermelon slice.



### Step 6

How can you make your watermelon slice stand out from the patch? Consider adding additional embellishments. If desired, clear acrylic sealer will protect the paint and make it more resistant to water.

