

Cumbria County Council

Early Years Team

**What can I do
today?**



This week it is...cups

Tuesday - patterns

- Use mugs to make circle patterns.
- Draw round them and colour where the circles overlap. You can use lots of different colours or choose just two or three.
- You could use different sized cups to alter the size of the circles.
- Older children could use the circles to make repeating patterns. You could talk about the fact that the circles don't fit neatly together like other shapes. Can you think of which shapes fit together with no gaps? When shapes fit together we say they tessellate. Squares and rectangles tessellate. Can you find any more shapes?
- For younger children try dipping the bottom of mugs in to paint to print circles. You could use pens, pencils or to make the circles into pictures.