Tessellations

Activity 5 - Stained Glass Symmetry

Regular tessellations are made up from congruent regular polygons. The patterns in a regular tessellation can be formed using only one type of regular polygon. For example, there can be a tessellation made only by repeating the same equilateral triangle over and over in every direction.

In this activity you will be making a stained glass design to hang in a window.

scissors, a pencil, a ruler, a thin mixture of white glue and water, a paintbrush, four pieces of brightly coloured tissue paper, black construction paper, wax paper (same size as your construction paper) and tape.

- 1. Fold the construction paper in half twice. You will end up with four smaller rectangles. Do the same with the wax paper.
- 2. Measure a 2-3cm border from each section and cut out the middles.

Can you believe THIS is math?