



Help children understand and appreciate their similarities and differences using books and magazines to make a poster.

### Supplies

- ★ A variety of magazines (National Geographic, People Magazine, etc.)
- ★ Scissors
- ★ 5x7 cards
- ★ Glue sticks



**NOTE:** As a continuation of this activity, children can make posters that depict differences in other categories: food, transportation, homes, etc.



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# We Are Alike and We Are Different

Skills Children Learn: Diversity awareness and appreciation

## Directions

- 1 Prepare for the activity by reading books that address issues of diversity ("We Are All Alike... We are All Different" by Laura Dwight, "People" by Peter Spier.)
- 2 Provide a variety of magazines in which the children can find and cut out photos that illustrate differences among people, (i.e. age, hair, clothing, skin color, clothing, etc.) Each child should find about 12 photos. Invite the children to glue their individual pictures onto the 5x7 cards.

**Note,** before allowing children to look in the magazines, look for and remove any pictures that might be age inappropriate.

- 3 Discuss with the children the differences and similarities in their pictures.
- 4 Together, create a large poster from all the 5x7 cards. Hang the poster where all can see it!
- 5 Refer to the poster at appropriate times to reinforce the occurrence and beauty of diversity among people.
- 6 Encourage your children to keep adding to the diversity poster. You can model this by adding new photos throughout the year.

**Tips For Mixed Ages:** Sharing picture books and simple storybooks with younger children who cannot do this activity is a valuable way to introduce awareness and appreciation of diversity very early on.



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