

This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. This weather has sure been difficult to figure out! So let's just try to figure out a fun puzzle game. This week our project is a Tetris-style puzzle that you create for a colorful, brain-teaser activity. The Tetris puzzle is made up of sets of squares with the sides connected to each other on a grid. Our pieces will consist of squares connected in different patterns that will form a rectangle shape. "Tetris" is simply rearranging things of different shapes into a physical space. Tetris, the game, was made popular by the creator of the Tetris video game, Alexey Pajitnov in 1984. This can definitely have a calming effect.



1-Fold one corner over until it meets the opposite edge. Cut off the remainder to make a square. Open the page up and fold each side into the center, **in thirds**. Turn the paper lengthwise and do the same procedure. You will end up with 36 equal squares. For younger artists, simply use fewer squares. You can outline these squares to be more visible.

2- Choose different patterns of one or more of the squares by coloring them in different shades or outlining. Then you can use a piece of cardboard or a cereal box for the base. Set the paper down and outline all around the whole square. Cut all the pieces apart. You may want to glue or tape the pieces to cardboard for a stronger puzzle. Try some other colors or patterns to try to stump your family. It is time to mix up the pieces and try to put it all back together into the square. Puzzling! Fold the cardboard holes, tie up the sides, and put all the pieces inside for storage.



Explore possibility!

Ms. Susan