



A Set of Flags Displayed on a Wooden Stand



A Flag Chart of Major Countries

Flags of the World

Purpose

To introduce the children to the flags of countries around the world.

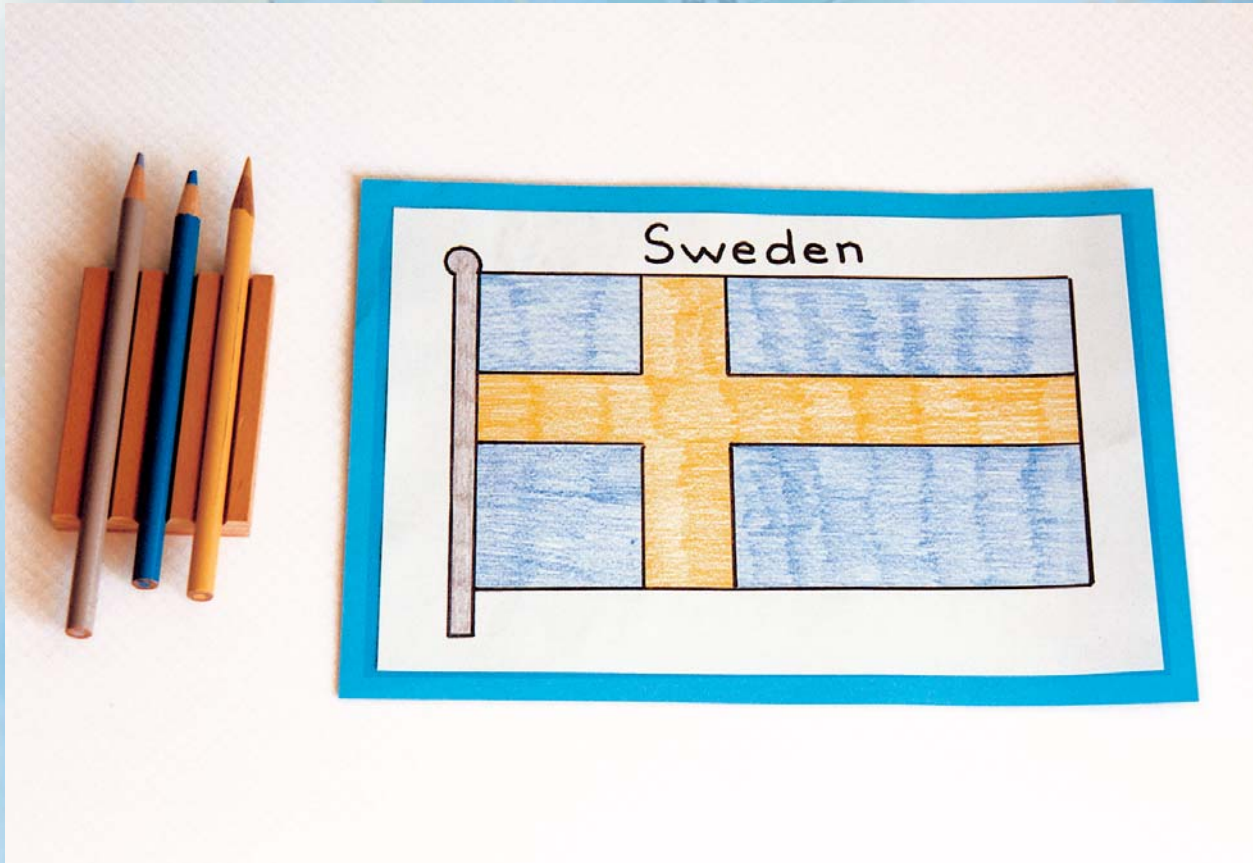
Age: 2.5 years old.

Material

A set of flags displayed in a wooden stand. The flags should be of well-known countries. The classroom should also have a control chart showing the flag of each country.

Presentation

- The flags can be introduced to a small group of children.
- Show the children where the flag stand is located in the classroom.
- Carry the flag stand to a map on the floor.
- Explain to the children that every country in the world has their very own flag.
- Ask the children if anyone can identify the flag of their country. If not, show the children which one it is.
- Allow each child to choose a flag. Discuss the differences; i.e., colors, designs, etc. Allow each child to locate their flag on the flag map chart.



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- There should always be some copied flags available for the children to color.
- If necessary, assist the child in labeling the flag.
- The child can either take it home, or keep it at the school and make a flag booklet of all of the flags in the classroom.

Some Interesting Facts on Flags

- Flags were first used by Kings or Queens, and then by countries.
- The flag must always be flown right side up, unless it is being used as a signal of distress.
- When flown in its own country, the national flag must always be flown at the top of the staff.
- When the national flag is carried in procession with other flags, it must always be on the right side of any march.
- The flag should be hoisted at sunrise and lowered at sunset.
- The flag must never be allowed to touch the ground.
- It can be flown at half-mast as a sign of mourning. In such a case, it must first be run up to the top of the staff as usual, then slowly lowered half way.