

Make Your Own Flag!

Flags have long been used to represent and transmit messages. For example, certain flags are used at sea so that ships can talk to one another, and signal flags have been used during wars to send messages and to move the military. Flags can also represent families, such as with a coat of arms.

The underlying theme of a flag is communication. But special flags can also let someone know how you are feeling. This project opens the door to many interpretations of the idea of communication. By making his own flag, your child can represent his family, his imaginary country, his feelings or his name. The sky's the limit, so hoist your flag high!

What You Need:

- Construction paper – assorted colors
- Markers
- Scissors
- Glue
- Pictures of flags

What You Do:

1. Go through some pictures of different flags and coats of arms. Let your child see the great diversity of symbols, shapes and colors between them.
2. Next, have your child take a piece of construction paper for his background and start to create a flag of his own. He can use markers, cut pieces of paper and glue them on, or even include things like bottle caps, shells, buttons or other things he likes. Have him embellish his design with glitter glue and stickers if you have them.
3. When he is done with his flag have him write a story of his flag or coat of arms. Ask him what country it represents or why he choose what he did to symbolize his name. Glue the story to the back of the flag.



Thank you for joining us today!