

Beavers My Skills Challenge Award

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Overview

For this creative activity the children will split into teams to make a flag with an emblem that represents their team. To make the emblem stand out, they will use an art technique called the “Magazine Strip Silhouette”.

Preparation Before the Meeting

- Gather Materials
- Print out the Animal silhouettes –found at the end of this document – you need one for each team of four, trace round them onto card and cut them out

Materials Needed

- Old coloured magazines
- Rulers, scissors, glue, pencil for each child
- Animal silhouettes cut from cardstock
- Plain or coloured board (or very thick cardboard) where the finished “Magazine Strip Silhouette” can be glued on to. The size needs to be larger than A4
- Selection of coloured felts pens or pencils

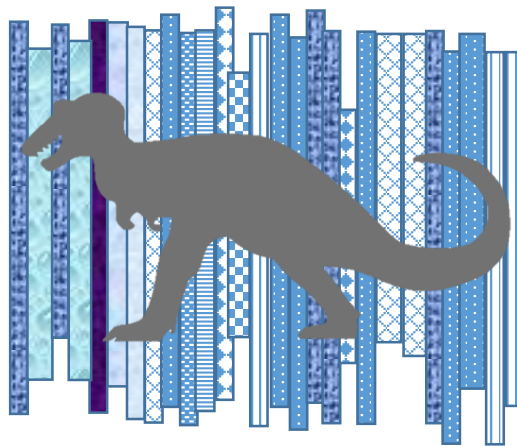
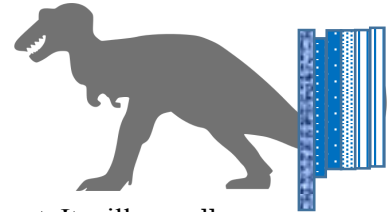
Preparation at the Meeting

1. Lay out materials on each table

Directions/Leader Speak

1. **Speak** - The next task that you have to do for your ‘My Skills Challenge Award’ is to do some creative activities. I’ve got some really fun ones for you to do. The first one involves you creating a flag for your team. You may ask yourself, “What do we need a flag for”?
2. **Speak** - Well, it’s like saying why do countries have flags? A flag is a country’s way of portraying itself to the rest of the world its also a way of unifying a country. They can make citizens feel like part of a team. So it could be the same with your teams.
3. **Speak** - On your flag you are going to have an emblem. An emblem is an image that represents a quality like honesty, bravery, intelligence, etc.
4. **Speak** – I’ve chosen animals as your emblem. And over here are a number of cutouts that you can choose from. In teams of four you are going to decorate your animal using magazine strips. If you can’t see an animal you like you can draw your own
5. **Speak** – Before we start here’s a handout which gives you some pictures on how you are going to make your ‘Magazine Strips Animal Silhouette’ and some finished pictures of ones that have already been done

6. **Action** - Hand out the 'Magazine Strips Silhouette' handout
7. **Speak** - You can see on the first two pictures that you are going to stick strips of paper to your animal and then snip off the edges. So it's really simple
8. **Speak** - On your tables you will see some magazines. I want you each to take a colourful page out and using your ruler and pencil draw a straight line downwards then cut out thin strips ready to stick on your animal
9. **Speak** - Try to make the strips as straight as possible. The straighter they are the easier it will be to cover your silhouette. The strips also need to be **longer** than your animal silhouette. Look at the second picture this will help you see this
10. **Speak** - When you think you have enough strips, you can start to carefully stick each strip to the silhouette. Don't worry about the strips being longer because when you are finished you are going to turn over the animal and snip off the edges
11. **Direction** - When the silhouette has been covered with the magazine strips, it still won't have the desired shape or silhouette yet. It will actually look like just strips of magazines stuck side by side. **Get them turn this over and they should have something like this:**



12. **Direction** - Let a member of each team cut along the shape of their animal to reveal the now-colourful animal silhouette
13. **Direction** - The last thing they need to do is stick their animal emblem on a plain board and decorate this with pens/pencils
14. **Direction** - Ask the group to also come up with their own team cheer. Let each group go to the front, chant their cheer, and present their flag. If it's older Beavers ask them why they chose that particular animal to symbolise their team.

