

Alphabet Craft

Is your kindergartener a fast learner with a knack for spelling? Challenge her knowledge of the alphabet with a craft that relies on her ability to recognize and use all 26 letters.

What You Need

- 26 clothespins
- Paper
- Pencil
- Colored pencils
- Crayons
- Scissors
- Clothesline
- Glue
- Flashcards



What You Do:

1. Hand your child a piece of paper and a pencil.
2. Have her write all the letters of the alphabet. (You can help her if she gets stumped on some of the trickier letters.)
3. Here's where your artistic skills come in! Show your child how to create "bubble letters" that she can cut out and use with her clothespins.
4. Once you're done, have your child color and decorate each letter with crayons and colored pencils.
5. When all her letters are fully colored, help her carefully cut out each letter, one at a time.
6. For each letter of the alphabet, have your child glue the undecorated side of her letter to one of the clothespins.
7. Repeat this process until she has a full clothespin alphabet.
8. Once your child's clothespin alphabet is complete, set up a clothesline reaching from one end of the room to the other. The stage is now set to play classic games such as hangman or to hold a spelling bee.
9. For hangman, hang blank flashcards along the length of the clothesline to represent letters than need to be filled in for hangman. For every correct letter guessed, a flashcard is pulled down and replaced with one of the clothespin letters. For every incorrect letter guessed, the beginning of the iconic stick figure hang man is clipped next to the mystery word/s.
10. To orchestrate a spelling bee, choose words for your child to spell. For every correct letter she says while spelling a word, add that letter to the clothesline. If she misspells the word at any point, only add on the letters she gets correct before giving somebody else a turn at spelling the word correctly. Keep score by giving each child a point for however many letters they spell correctly.