

MAKE A NAME PLATE

AT THE
BUS

make your own envelope name plate

Many of the signs and lettering we see around us today have been created on a computer and printed. Traditionally, signs would have been created freehand by professionals called signwriters.



We are going to create a personalised name plate which can hang on a door.

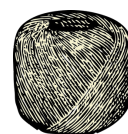
YOU WILL NEED



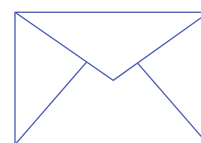
scissors



coloured pens, paint or pens



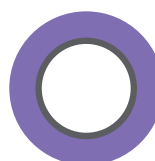
string, wool or ribbon



a plain envelope

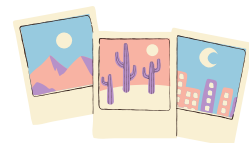
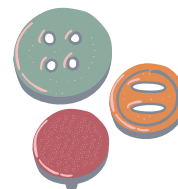


OPTIONAL EXTRAS TO DECORATE



buttons or sequins

coloured tape or stickers



photos or papers to use for collage



glue

DESIGN

How will your name plate design show your personality?

Think about what pictures, colours and patterns you can include to represent your style and interests.



did you know?

Before a machine was invented in 1845, people had to make their own envelopes by hand.

WILL YOU MAKE A PLAQUE FOR YOURSELF OR TO GIVE TO SOMEONE ELSE?

WILL THE LETTERING BE ALL THE SAME SIZE?

WHICH COLOURS WILL YOU CHOOSE?

WILL YOU INCLUDE DRAWINGS AS WELL AS WRITING?

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CREATE

- 1 First decide what you will write and/or draw on your name plate. Plan out the lettering to be sure it will fit in.
- 2 Start by sketching the main elements of your design onto the blank side of the envelope. If you use light lines, it will be easier to correct any mistakes.
- 3 Now add colour and decorate your design. Add any illustrations or patterns to decorate.
- 4 Finally make a hole at the top corner of each side of the envelope. Thread a piece of string or ribbon through the holes and tie a knot in each end. This is the hanger for your name plate.

BE SURE TO SPACE LETTERS SO
THAT YOU CAN FIT THEM ALL IN

NAME

tip

Roughly divide the envelope space into the number of letters you have in your name.

MAKE HOLES
IN THE
CORNER FOR
YOUR STRING
HANGER



HANG YOUR FINISHED NAME
PLATE ON YOUR DOOR
HANDLE!



I LIKE THE SHIPPING FORCAST
BY BOB AND ROBERTA SMITH

Bob and Roberta Smith

The artist Bob and Roberta Smith (who is actually just one person!) creates many signs as his artwork. He paints shop signs as well as short sentences to represent his ideas. He often paints on scrap pieces of wood and uses bright colours.

IDEAS

Could you make another name plate for someone else?
What other everyday objects could be re-purposed into a name plate?

