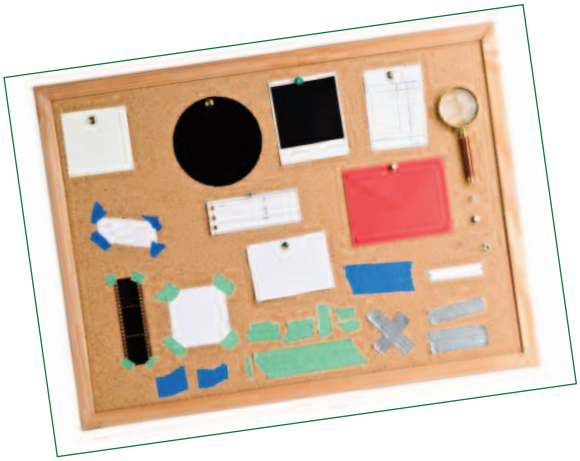

ple…you can always steer people to websites, community resources, or on-campus offices to get more in-depth information on a topic on their own time.

2. **Include pictures and graphics.** It's so easy to download pictures and graphics and print them out. Or, get group members to pose for a digital picture and print it out. Images will draw attention—and get folks to stop and read your text.

1. **Don't limit yourself to markers and paper.** Consider unconventional items too! Having a coffee house on Friday night? Glue a coffee can to the corner to advertise the upcoming event. Include slips of paper with the event details in the coffee can, so people can take one with them. Having a Hawaiian pool party? Cut leis to use as a border or use a coconut bikini top to form the "Os" in "pool." The creative possibilities are endless!

## Catch Their Eye

In order to create crafty, eye-catching boards, here are some tricks and tips to try…

- **The Face Place.** Cut out a variety of faces from magazines as the backdrop for a welcome board. It can be really striking!
- **Circle Up.** Trace your masking tape and cut out a bunch of different-colored circles. Use them to write words like "Welcome" or your community's name, one letter per circle. Then, arrange them in funky patterns to attract attention.
- **Sproing!** Make letters "sproing!" out by folding an accordion-piece of paper and attaching it to the back of each letter. Words will move, especially when folks walk by and create a breeze.
- **Pattern Pieces.** Cut each letter of a board title from a different pattern—use old magazines so that one letter is cut from a mountain scene while the next has animals as the backdrop. The results can be really cool!
- **Stark Contrast.** Use some striking color combos for your background and lettering, such as a black back with yellow letters. Other contrasting combos could include:
  - √ red and yellow
  - √ brown and turquoise
  - √ purple and green
  - √ blue and orange
- **Clear Coat.** Consider putting a coating of clear contact paper over your board to protect the pieces from being torn down. Or laminate some pieces that you'll use again, using either contact paper or a laminating machine.

### Free Printables to Use!

- √ Sports Illustrated Magazine Cover Maker • www.sikids.com/magazine/coverbuilder/
- v Mary Engelbreit • www.maryengelbreit.com/FreeFromME/ColoringPages.aspx
- √ Sesame Street Friends • www.sesameworkshop.org/sesamestreet/coloringpages/
- √ Mr. Potato Head, Tonka Trucks, & More • www.hasbro.com/monkeybartvjr/
- √ Create Funny Faces • www.free-coloring-pages.com/game/qgoo/index.html
- √ Miscellaneous, from Pirates to Aliens • www.coloring.com/pictures/choose.cdc


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