

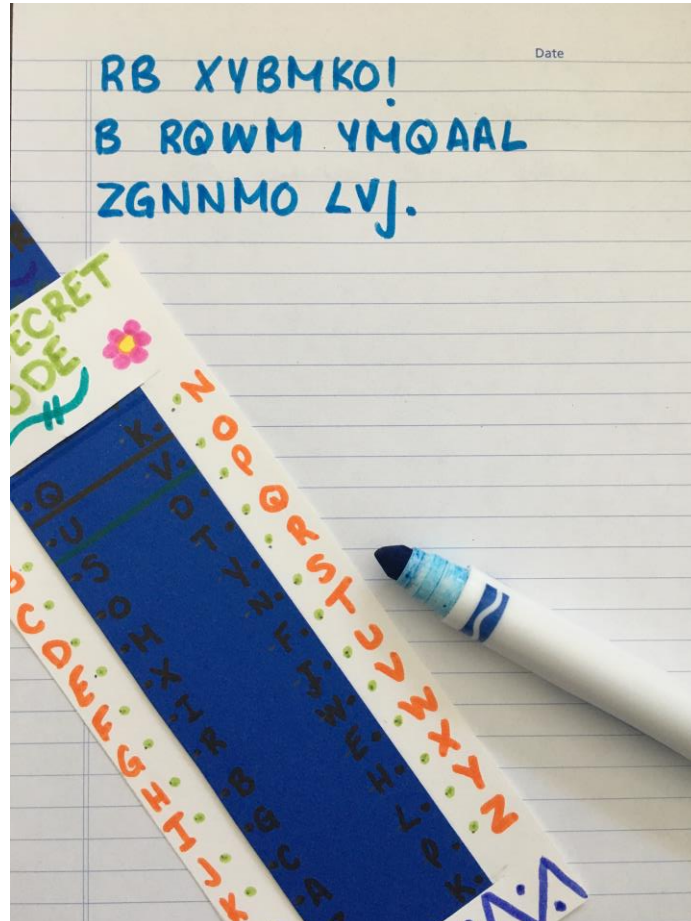
PAMA @ Home Virtual Family Fun Activity Coded Messages

Bring art, culture and historical exploration home with a variety of easy fun filled activities for all ages. Using simple materials, PAMA is happy to provide easy step-by-step instructions for art activities, games or fun things to do while at home.

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Coded Messages

Communicate in secret with your friends using your own matching coders to encode your letters and messages for each other's eyes only.



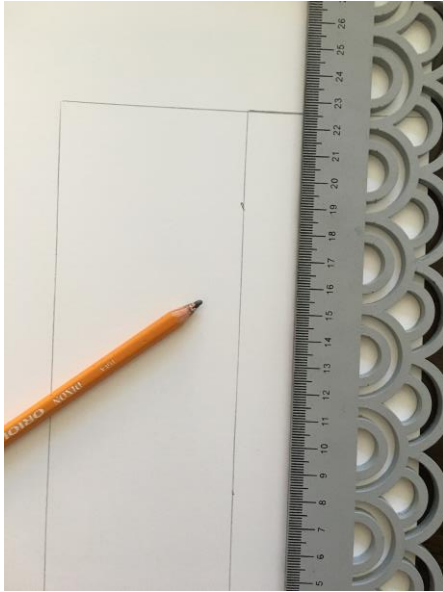
Materials:

- Cardstock
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Markers

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Step 1:

Measure out two rectangles approx. 20 cm by 7 cm on your cardstock. Once measured, cut them out.



Step 2:

Using a different colour of cardstock, measure and cut out another two rectangles, approx. 24 cm by 4 cm.



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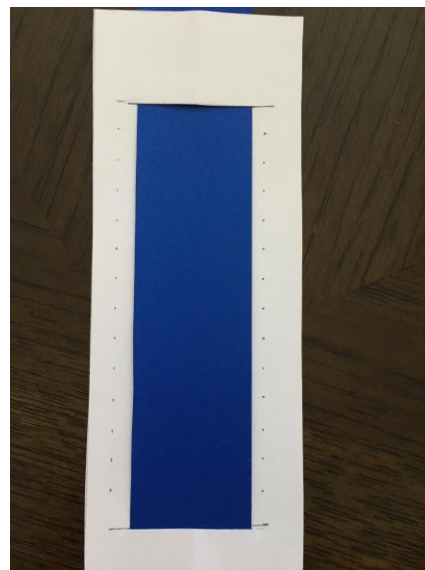
Step 3:

On your first rectangles, use a ruler to measure 3 cm from the top and mark the following 14 cm with a dot at each centimeter on each side of the rectangle.



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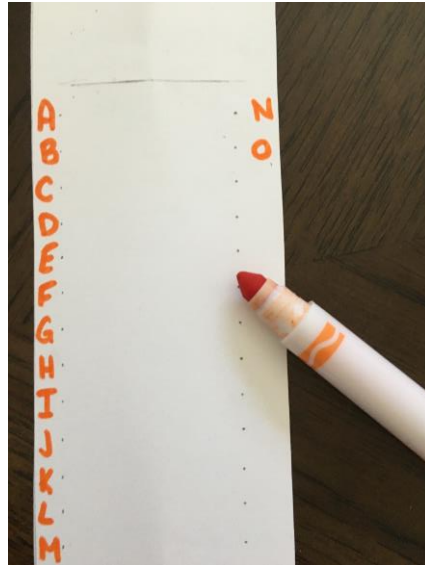
Gently fold your rectangles in half length wise and cut a 4.5 cm slit at the first mark and another at the last. Your coloured rectangle should slide into both slits with ease.



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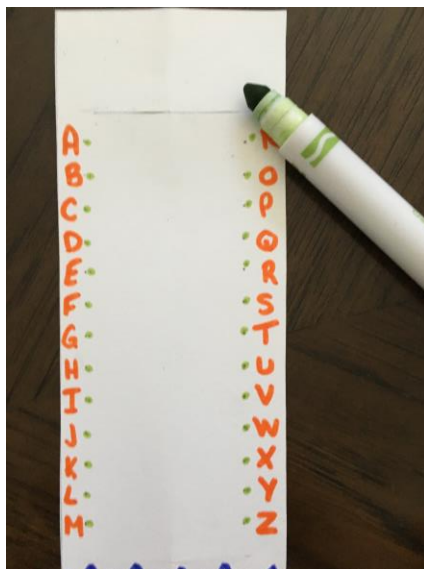
Step 5:

Use your markers to write the letters A – M on the left side of your rectangle, one letter at each centimeter mark and the letters N – Z on the right.



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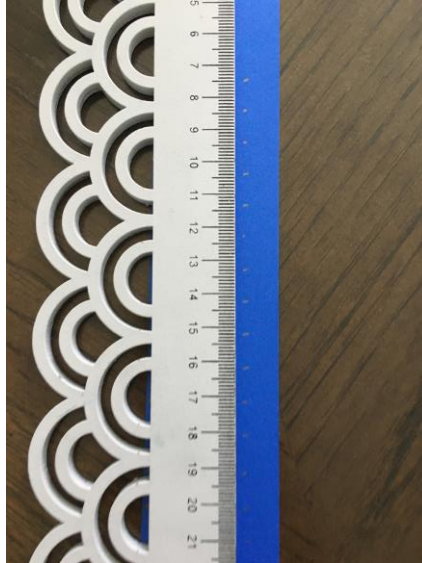
Decorate the top and bottom of your rectangle however you would like.



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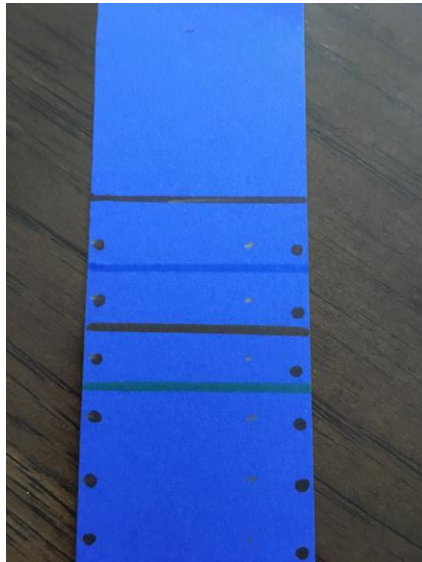
Step 7:

Starting approx. 5 cm down, like Step 3, mark every centimeter for 15 cm on your coloured rectangles. One mark on the right of the shape and another on the left.



Step 8:

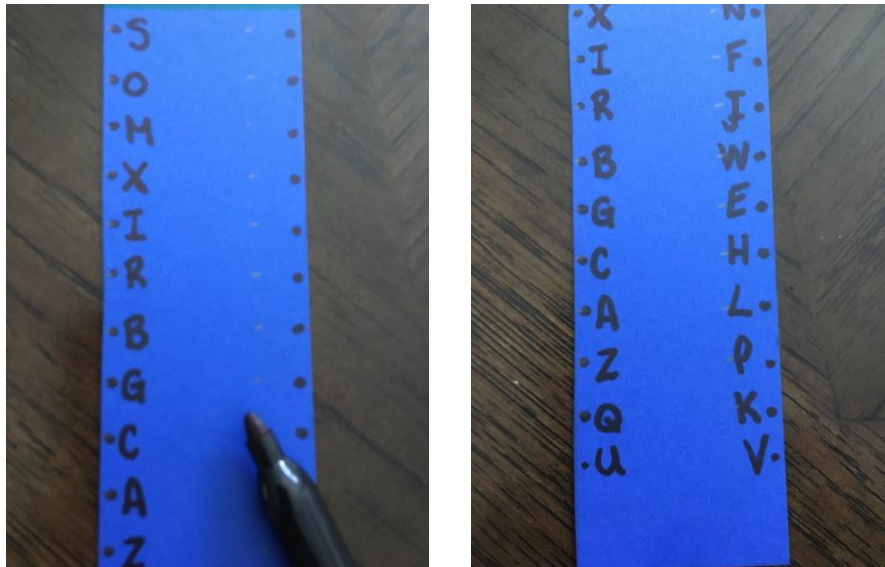
At your first mark, draw a black line. Between the next three marks, draw a line using three different colours of markers. Make sure you use the same colours on both rectangles.



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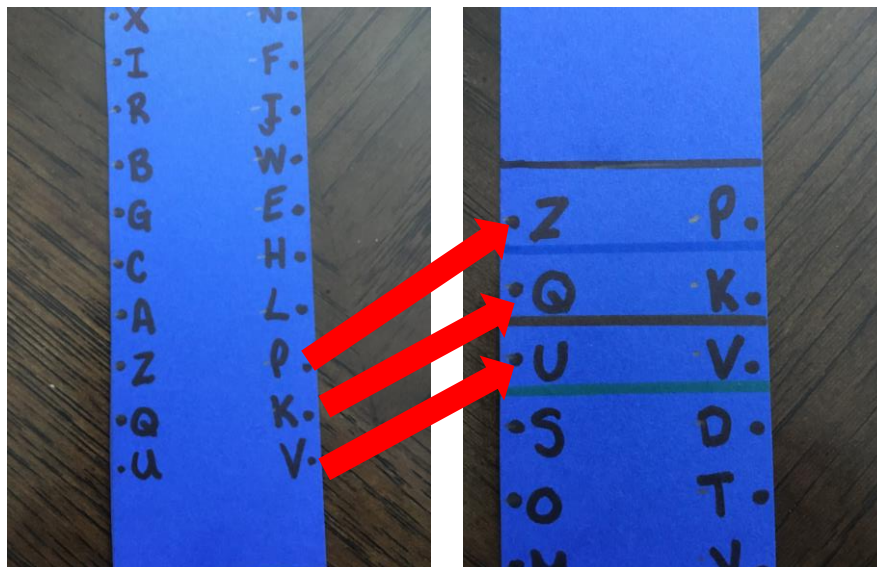
Step 9:

Starting at the first dot after your drawn lines, write one letter of the alphabet at each mark. The letters should be mixed up, but in the same location on both of your rectangles.



Step 10:

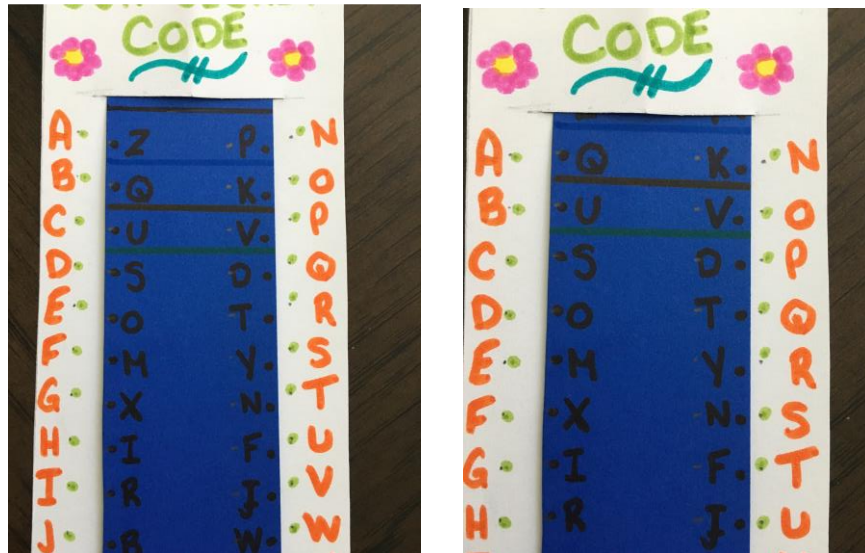
In the 3 spots between your lines, write the last three sets of letters from the bottom of your list. Once done, Your last set of letters should be in the 3rd spot, your second last set in the 2nd spot and your third last in the 1st spot.



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Step 11:

Decorate your coloured strip with markers however you would like above and below your letters and slide them into your first rectangles. The letters on your coloured strip should line up with the letters on your first rectangle. As you slide the strip to the different coloured lines, the letters will line up differently.



Step 12:

Send a friend one of your coders so they can translate your next message. Step 13 explains how to use your coder to write and translate your secret message.



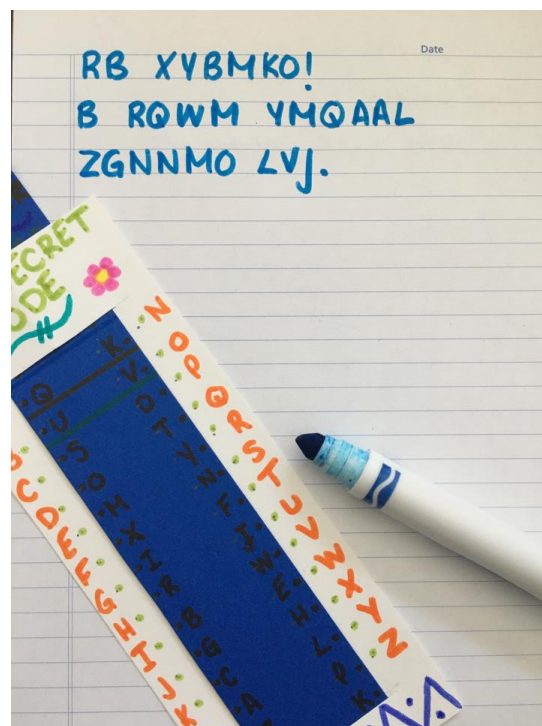
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Step 13:

Pick the colour of line that you will use and use that colour of marker/pen to write with, so your friend knows what colour of line to set their coder to for translation.

Using the letters found on the coloured strip in exchange for the original letter, write the message to your friend.

Only someone with the matching coder in the right colour position will be able to translate your note once received.



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