

# Styrofoam bakery plates & communication symbols

This month's tip comes from Joan Turnquist, SLP in the Owen, WI schools.

For individuals who have a difficult time grasping flat symbols, attach your communication pictures to a square of styrofoam like the type used for baked goods. Cut the styrofoam platter so that you include one side of the raised portion of the plate. This provides a raised lip for students to grasp. According to Joan, it made all the difference for one of her students who could not pick up a single dimensional symbol. Symbols can be attached using velcro, paper clips, or glue.

Additional Note: If using velcro, remember to follow the "velcro rule" of placing the soft velcro on the surfaces where individuals will touch and the hook velcro on the backs of symbols. This consistency will pay off in being able to interchange symbols between activities when necessary without having a velcro mismatch!

Thanks Joan! If anyone else has tips to share, please send them on using our [Contact Us](#) link at the top of the page.

