

# Tri-Fold Choice Board

**Purpose:** This tri-fold choice board lets the teacher set up several sets of symbols in advance. However, she only shows one set of symbols at a time, so students will not be visually confused or overwhelmed by too many choicemaking symbols at one time. Symbols can be placed on the front or back, giving six sets of choices.

## How-To:

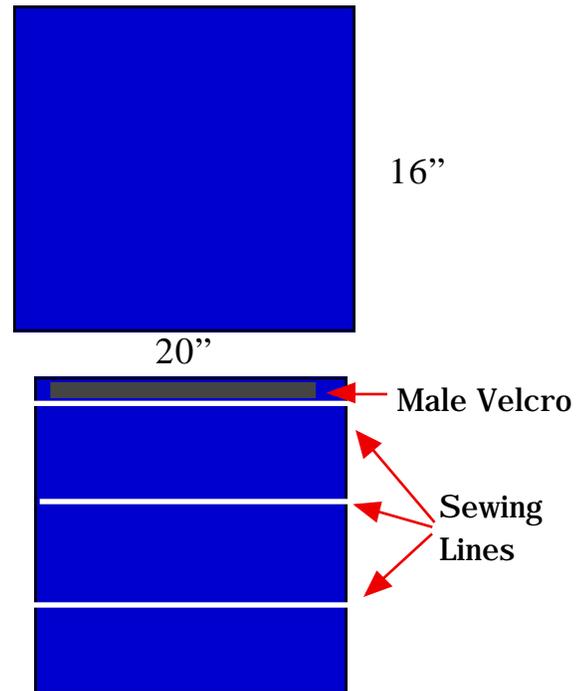
- 1) Cut 3 pieces of **foam core artboard** 18" x 4" each. Cut two pieces of **Velcro™ fabric** 20 " by 16"  
NOTE: Purchase foam core artboard from Michael's, WalMart, etc. Purchase Velcro fabric from fabri warehouse or: Lockfast (800-543-7157)
- 2) Sew 2 pieces of **Velcro™ fabric** (inside out) on 3 sides, making a tube, then turning it right side out  
GOAL: You will end up with double sided Velcro™ fabric, about 14" x 18"

- 3) Place one piece of **artboard** in tube, sew, then repeat with other 2 pieces. Now place top edges together & sew. You will have 1" overlap at top - sew on **male velcro**.

WHY MALE VELCRO? You want to be able to make a tri-fold choice board, then use the extension with Velcro to secure your choice board

## Mini Case Example:

Ms. Little has been frustrated by 'symbol management' throughout the day, but especially at Circle Time! She uses the Tri-Fold Choice Board to pre-set her symbols, so that she's ready.  
**Song Choices:** Ms. Little places 2 song choices on panel 1 on the front of her Tri-Fold. She places symbols representing the choices (Old MacDonald's Farm) and the song line (Twinkle Twinkle) on panels 2 and 3. When Marcia chooses Old MacDonald's Farm, she quickly rotates to the choices of animals to sing about. Later, Manuel picks Twinkle, and she rotates to the left-right format for that song.  
**Weather:** After the first song, Ms. Little turns the Tri-Fold over, to reveal the three panels on the inside. She has pre-stored symbols representing the weather - Jamie chooses 'cloudy'.  
**Calendar:** Ms. Little is working hard to present information visually, with symbols near to the children rather than on a board on the wall. She places symbols representing : TODAY / IS / WEDNESDAY / SEPTEMBER / 24 / 2002. As she uses a flashlight to highlight these symbols, another student presses a Big Mack to speak that message.  
**Centers:** Next Ms. Little rotates to symbols representing the 4 centers that are available after Circle.



Tri-Fold Choice Board:  
Place symbols on all sides

