

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 fabric 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:

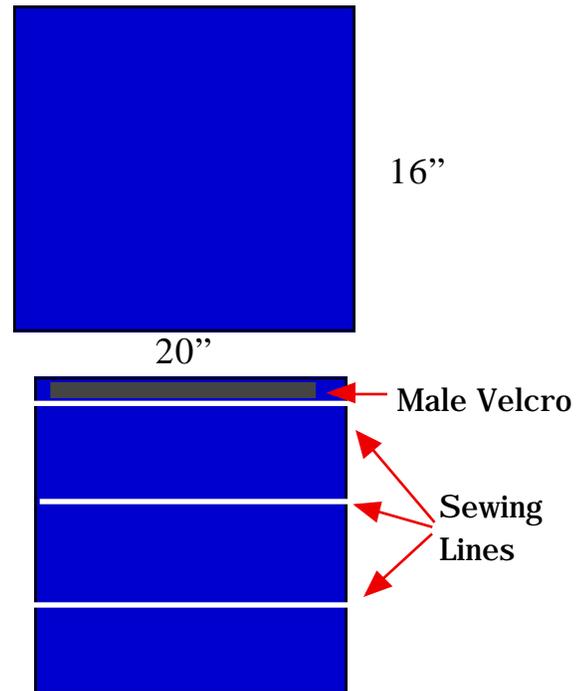
Ms. Little has been frustrated by 'symbol management' throughout the day, but especially at Circle Time! She uses the Tri-Fold Choice Board to pre-set her symbols, so that she's ready.

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

