

American Flag Puzzle

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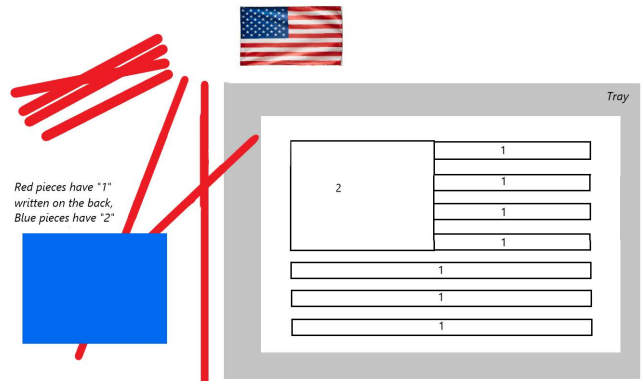
Here's an activity the family can do together over the holiday weekend that encourages intergenerational social interaction and motor skill practice, or one-on-one with a caregiver.

MATERIALS

- One tray
- Picture of the American Flag
- One sheet of white craft foam with adhesive backing to use as background
- One sheet of dark blue craft foam (5.5" x 5"), with adhesive backing
- One sheet of red craft foam (12" x 5.25"). Cut into 7 strips (Three 12" x 0.75" + Four 6.5" x 0.75"), with adhesive backing still attached
- 50 gold teacher reward stars stickers or pre-punched white foam stars, divided between participants.

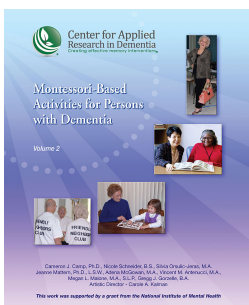
SETUP

1. Use a black marker to outline the spaces for red strips and blue star background.
2. Write #1 on the back of each red strip and write #2 on the back of each blue strip.
3. In the middle of the spaces (on the white foam) for the red strips, write the number 1. Write 2 in the white space for the blue star background piece.
4. Place the white craft foam sheet in the middle of the tray in front of participants.
5. Place the remaining items in separate piles near the tray



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Ask participants to look at the picture of the flag and place it next to the tray.
2. Tell participants they will put puzzle pieces on top of the white background to make the flag.
3. Show participants the red strips and blue piece.
4. Ask one of the participants to hand you the blue piece for the star background.
5. Turn the piece over and ask participants to tell you the number on the reverse side ("2").
6. Ask participants to show you that same number on the white background sheet.
7. Demonstrate for participants how the adhesive backing is easily removed.
8. Place the blue star background piece in place on the white sheet.
9. Invite participants to take turns doing the same with red strips until all have been secured on the white base.
10. Demonstrate how to affix a star to the blue background, then ask them to finish doing the rest.



Find extensions and modifications of this activity, and many others, in the book:
Montessori-Based Activities for Persons with Dementia, Vol 2. Purchase the manual and other resources at www.cen4ard.com.



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