



Writing

Family Placemats

1. You will need a sheet of paper and materials to decorate it with (crayons, markers, stickers-- whatever you have around).
2. Make a placemat for your child or a family member. Help your child write the name of the person you are making the placemat for.
3. Decorate the placemat. Ask your child to think about what the person would like and choose colors and make designs especially for that person.
4. As you decorate the letters, talk about their names and shapes.

This is a great activity to celebrate a special occasion, such as a birthday!

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