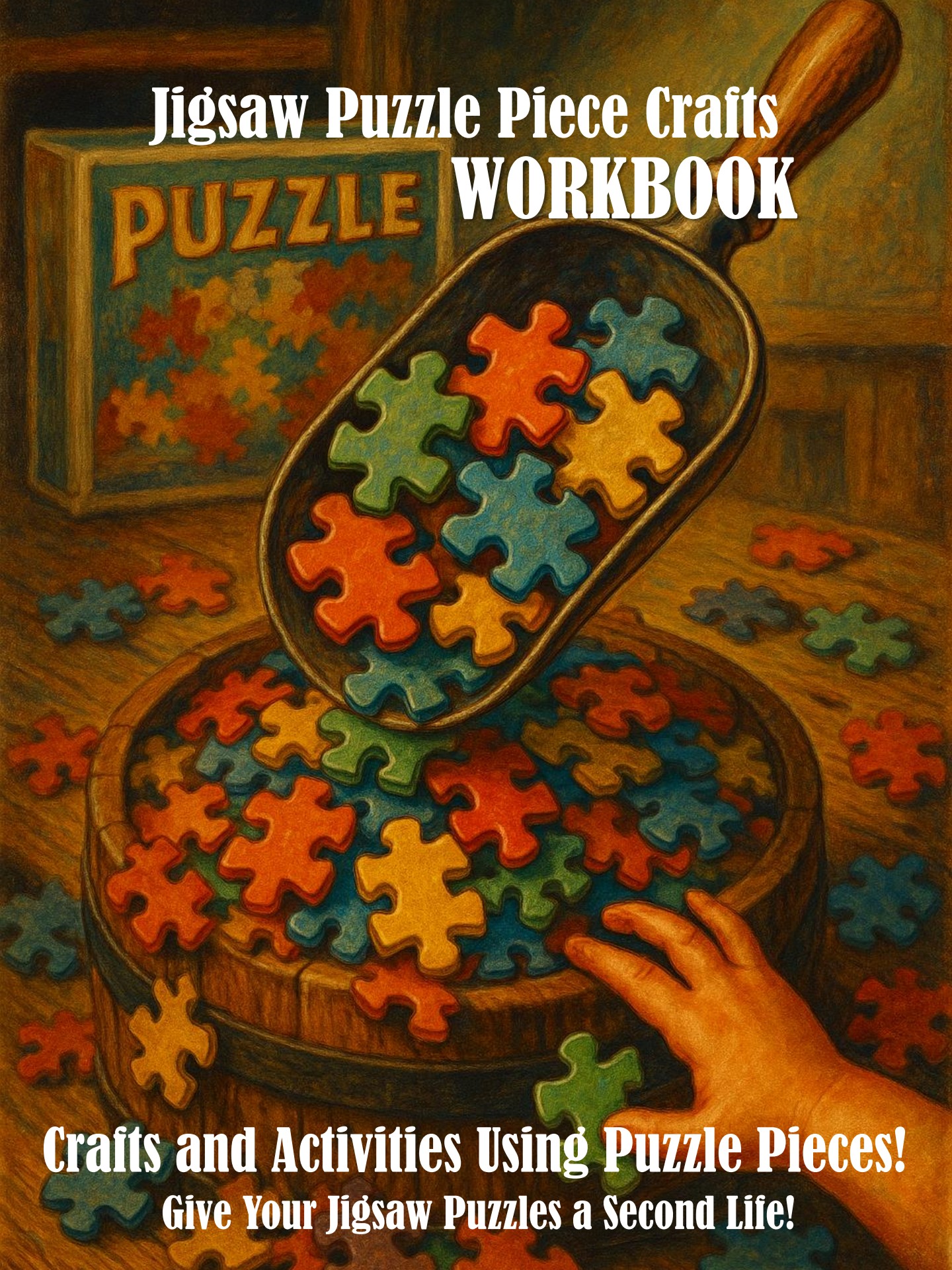




Jigsaw Puzzle Piece Crafts **WORKBOOK**

Crafts and Activities Using Puzzle Pieces!
Give Your Jigsaw Puzzles a Second Life!

Introduction

Don't toss that Jigsaw Puzzle...Turn it into a masterpiece!

This book is your guide to turning used jigsaw puzzle pieces into colorful, creative, and educational crafts. Whether you're a parent, teacher, or crafter, you'll find fun and easy projects that give new life to puzzles played once and then forgotten.

Puzzle piece crafts are more than just cute! It's a great way to reuse jigsaw puzzles that are missing pieces! Plus ,the crafts help build fine motor skills, encourage focus, and spark problem-solving in a hands-on way.

With so many jigsaw puzzles gathering dust in closets or missing a few pieces, this book shows how to transform what's often thrown away into something truly special.

Open the jigsaw puzzle box, spill out the pieces, and let the creativity begin...One puzzle piece at a time.

Have Fun!



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PUZZLE PIZZA SLICE

Let's make a slice of pizza using puzzle pieces as tasty toppings!

YOU WILL NEED:

- A piece of cardboard
- Scissors
- Glue
- 15–20 jigsaw puzzle pieces
- Crayons, colored pencils, or paint (red, yellow, green, black, white, pink)



LET'S MAKE IT!

1. Draw Your Pizza Slice

Use a pencil to draw a big triangle on your cardboard. This will be your pizza slice.

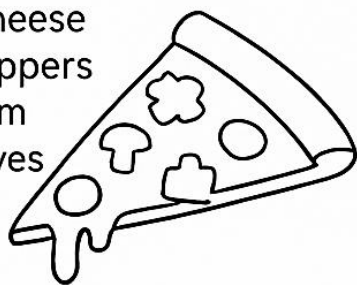
2. Cut It Out

Carefully cut out the triangle using scissors.

3. Make the Crust

Red = Pepperoni
Yellow = Cheese
Green = Peppers
White = Ham
Black = Olives

Let them dry if you use paint,



4. Color the Toppings

Take your puzzle pieces and sort them.

5. Glue the Toppings

Glue your colored puzzle pieces onto the triangle. Fill up the pizza slice, but don't cover the crust!

6. Add Extra Details

Use crayons or markers to draw extra toppings, cheese drips, or even a pizza box behind it!

7. Let It Dry



Craft with a friend?

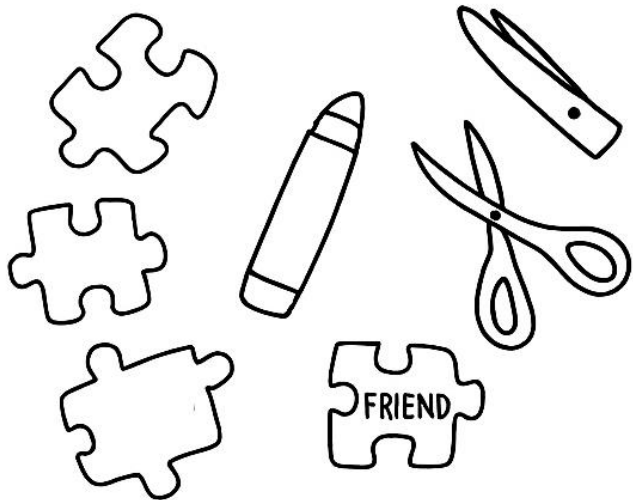
If each person makes a slice, you can put them together to create a whole puzzle pizza!

PUZZLE TREE OF KINDNESS

Let's make a tree that grows with kind words!

You Will Need:

- Cardboard or paper
- 15-20 jigsaw puzzle pieces
- Glue
- Scissors
- Marker
- Green crayon or paint



Let's Make It!

1. Draw the Tree

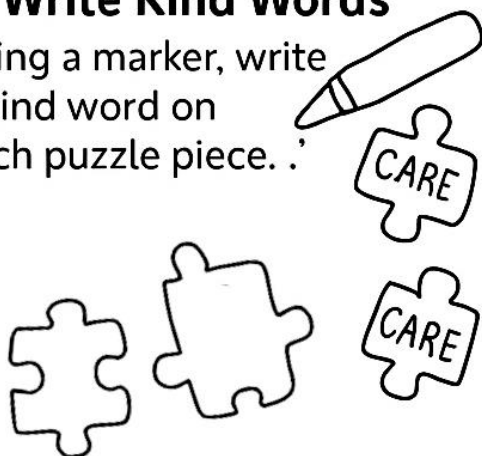
On your cardboard or paper, draw a tree trunk and branches.

2. Cut It Out

Carefully cut out your tree shape with scissors.

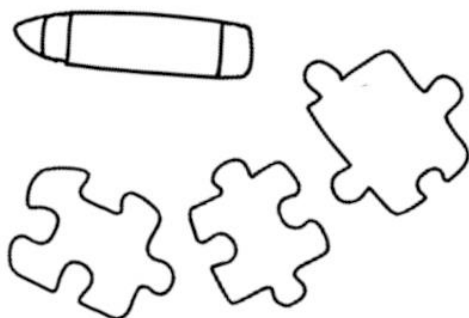
3. Write Kind Words

Using a marker, write a kind word on each puzzle piece.



4. Glue on the Leaves

Color each puzzle piece green. Glue them to the tree to make leaves!

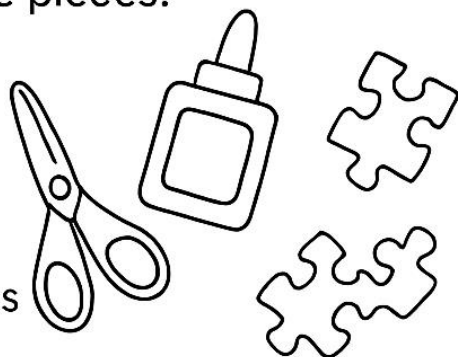


PUZZLE SUPERHERO BADGE

Let's make your very own superhero badge using puzzle pieces!

YOU WILL NEED:

- A piece of cardboard
- Scissors
- Glue
- 20-25 jigsaw puzzle pieces
- A marker or crayon
- A pencil
- Safety pin and tape (optional)



Draw and Cut the Badge Shape

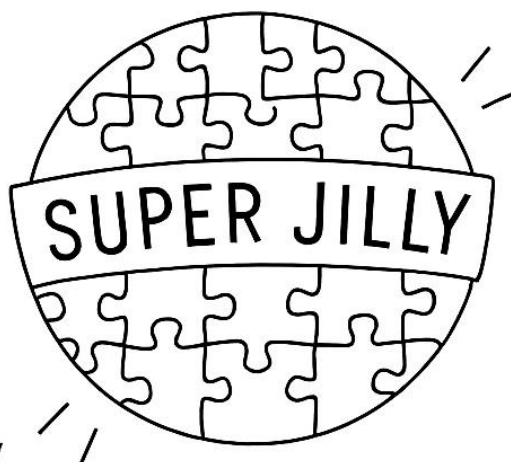
Glue 20-25 puzzle pieces on top, slightly overlapping if needed.



Name

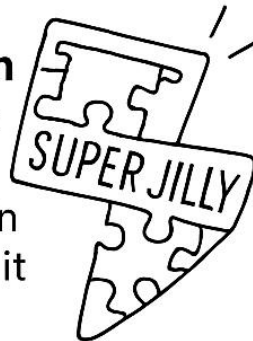
Pick your superhero name and write it in big letters:

- Use a marker to write directly on the puzzle pieces or on a paper strip glued across your badge like a banner



Add a Pin

Ask an adult to help with the safety pin part to keep it safe.



JIGBOT: A JIGSAW PUZZLE ROBOT



Let's build your very own robot using 23 puzzle pieces!

You Will Need:

- 23 jigsaw puzzle pieces (any size or color)
- Glue
- Crayons, colored pencils, or a marker (for the robot's face)
- A flat surface to work on

Puzzle Pieces Needed:

- 4 puzzle pieces connected for the head (2x2 square)
- 6 puzzle pieces connected for the body (block shape)
- 2 puzzle pieces connected for the left arm
- 2 puzzle pieces connected for the right arm
- 3 puzzle pieces connected for the left leg
- 3 puzzle pieces connected for the right leg
- 1 single puzzle piece for the neck
- 1 puzzle piece for the left foot
- 1 puzzle piece for the right foot

Let's Make It!

1. Build the Body Parts First

Make sure all your parts are already connected:

The head should be 4 puzzle pieces in a 2x2 square.

The body should be 6 puzzle pieces connected together in a block.

Each arm should be 2 puzzle pieces connected.

Each leg should be 3 puzzle pieces connected.

Set aside 1 puzzle piece for the neck.

Set aside 1 puzzle piece each for the left foot and right foot.

2. Lay Out Your Robot

On a flat surface, lay out your robot:

The head goes at the top.

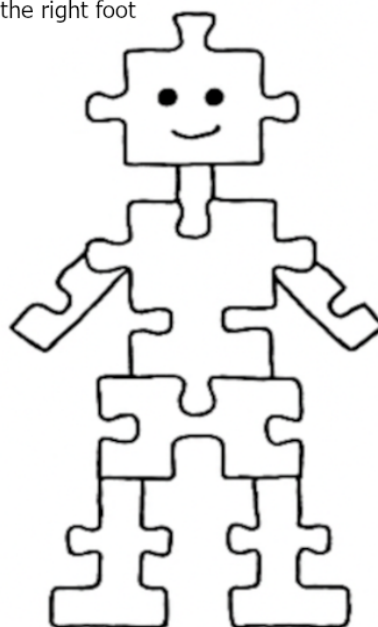
Below the head, place the neck puzzle piece.

Under the neck, place the body.

Put the arms on each side of the body.

The legs go below the body.

The feet go below the legs.



3. Glue the Robot Together

Add glue where the neck connects the head and body. Press the pieces together.

Slide the arms underneath each side of the body and glue them in place.

Slide the legs underneath the bottom of the body and glue them too.

Glue one foot puzzle piece to the bottom of each leg, sticking out to the side like robot shoes.

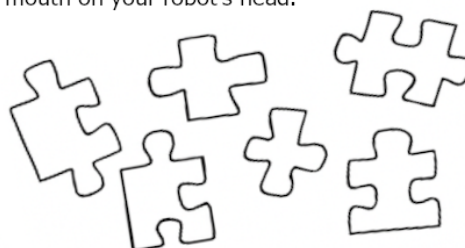
Dab a little glue over the cracks between connected pieces so everything stays strong. Use dotted glue lines—don't use too much!

4. Add a Face

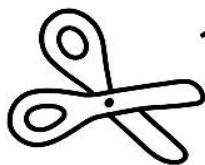
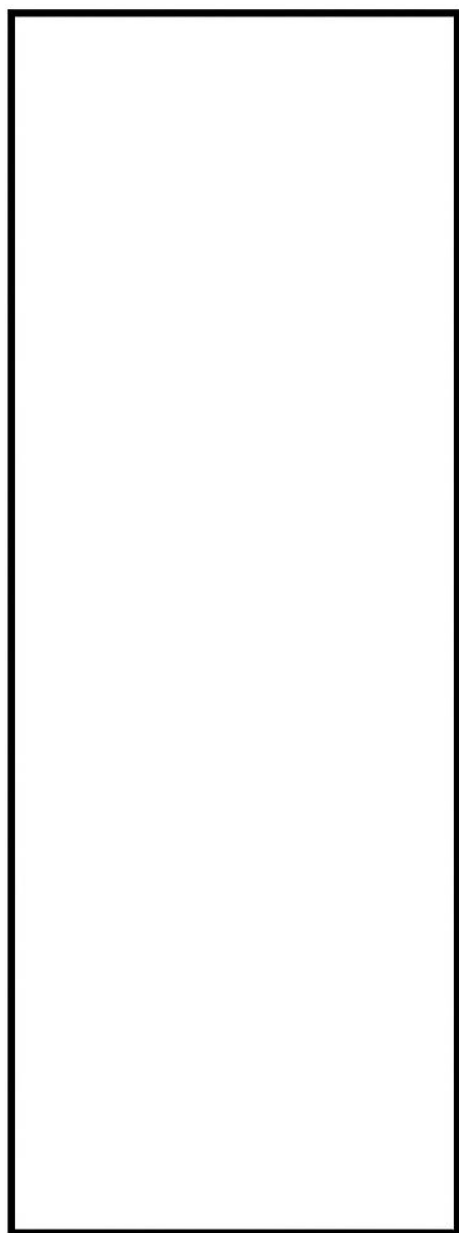
Use crayons, markers, or colored pencils to draw eyes and a mouth on your robot's head.

5. Let It Dry

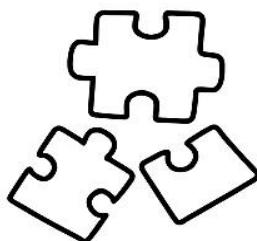
Leave your JigBot laying flat until all the glue is dry.



Jigsaw Puzzle Pieces Bookmark Craft



1. Cut out the rectangle.



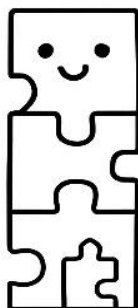
Choose and flip 15 puzzle pieces.



2. Attach the puzzle pieces to **rectangle** with glue.



4. Decorate the bookmark with crayons or stickers.



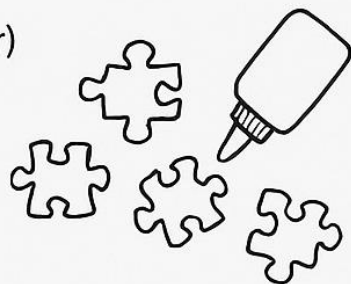
5. Let everything dry.

PUZZLE PIECE HOUSE CRAFT

Let's build a house using puzzle pieces!

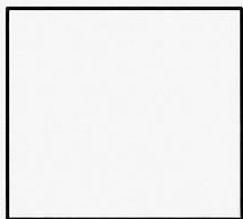
You will need:

- 31 jigsaw puzzle pieces (any size or color)
- A blank sheet of paper
- Glue
- Crayons, colored pencils, or markers (for drawing extras like windows or grass)



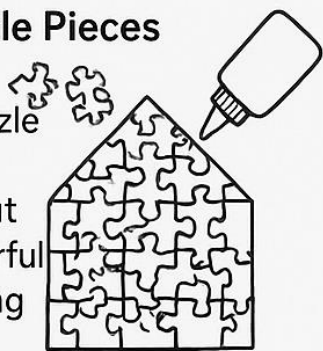
Draw Your House Outline

On your paper, draw one big square for the house. Then, draw a triangle on top of the square to make the roof. This is your house!



Turn Puzzle Pieces Face Up

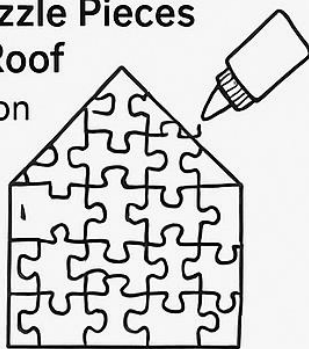
Pick 31 puzzle pieces and lay them out so the colorful side is facing up.



Glue Puzzle Pieces on the Roof

Put glue on the triangle part (the roof) and press

puzzle pieces down. You can make a fun pattern or mix lots of colors!



Add Details with Drawing

Use crayons or markers to draw windows, a door, grass, or even happy faces of a family inside the house.



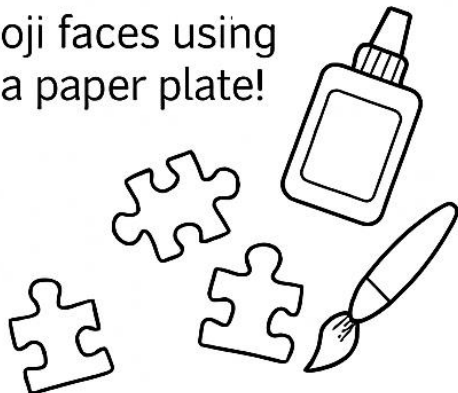
PUZZLE PIECE EMOJI FACES



Let's make fun emoji faces using puzzle pieces and a paper plate!

YOU WILL NEED:

- 1 paper plate
- About 32 puzzle pieces (You might need more or less depending on the plate size)
- Glue
- Yellow paint
- A black marker or crayon



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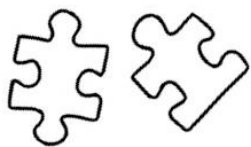
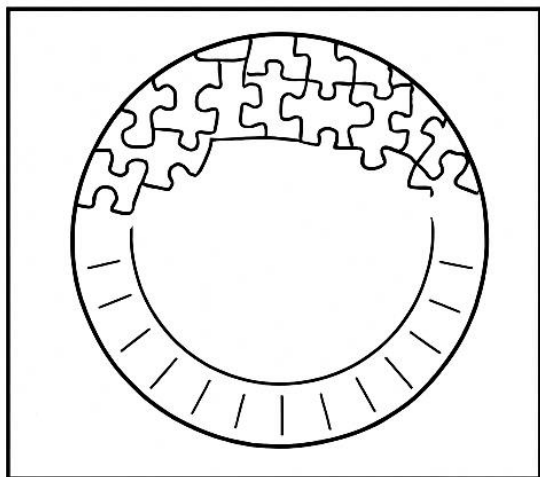
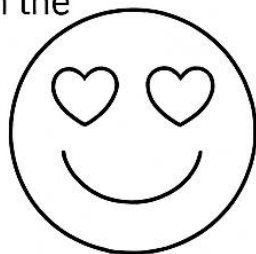
Glue Puzzle Pieces to the Plate

Glue puzzle pieces around the whole paper plate. You can place them in rows or scatter them to fill most of the flat part.

Let the Glue Dry

Paint the Plate and Puzzle Pieces Yellow

Use yellow paint to cover both the plate and the puzzle pieces.



Add Your Emoji Face

Use a black marker or crayon to draw your emoji face.



You just made a **Puzzle Piece Emoji Face!**

Try making different emojis and turn your classroom into an emoji gallery!

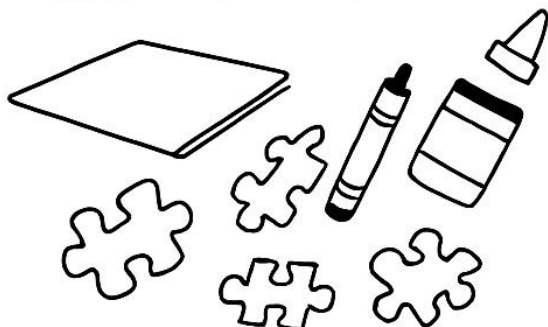
DINO-PIECES:

A DINOSAUR MADE FROM PUZZLE PIECES

Bring a dinosaur to life using jigsaw puzzle pieces!

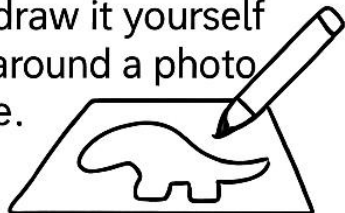
You Will Need:

- Cardboard or thick paper
- Glue
- Crayons or markers
- 40 jigsaw puzzle pieces
- Scissors



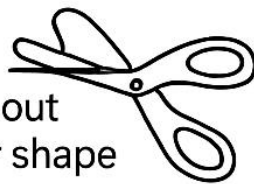
1. Draw Your Dinosaur

Pick what kind of dinosaur you want to make. Draw or trace on a piece of cardboard. You can draw it yourself or trace around a photo or picture.



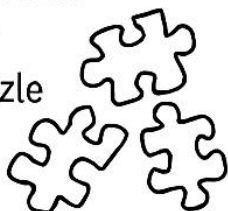
2. Get It Out

Carefully cut out your dinosaur shape using scissors.



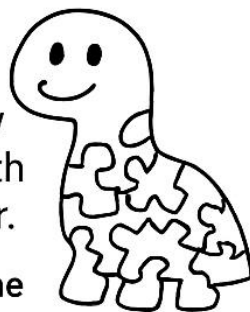
3. Get Your Puzzle Pieces Ready

Turn all your puzzle pieces so the colorful side is facing up. Sort them by color if you want to plan a special design.



4. Add a Face

Use crayons or markers to draw eyes and a mouth on your dinosaur.



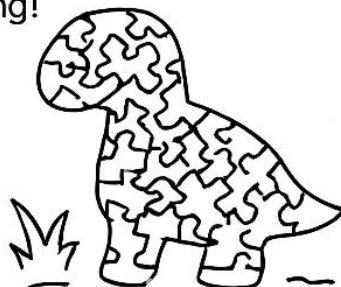
→ Step 5: Glue the Puzzle Pieces

Start gluing your puzzle pieces onto the dinosaur. Cover all the empty spots—just leave the face showing!



Every dinosaur will be one-of-a-kind!
The colors of your puzzle pieces make each dino special and fun.

Let it dry—and then RAWR, your Dino-Pieces craft is complete!

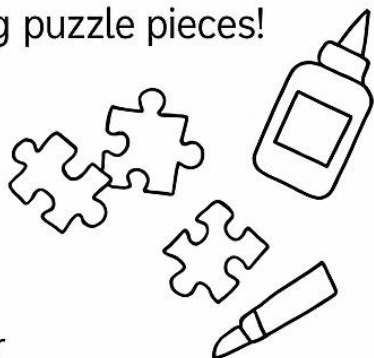


PUZZLE PIECE SCHOOL BUS

Let's build a school bus using puzzle pieces!

YOU WILL NEED:

- 25-30 jigsaw puzzle pieces (any color, random is fine!)
- Yellow paint or marker
- Glue
- A piece of white or light-colored paper
- Black construction paper

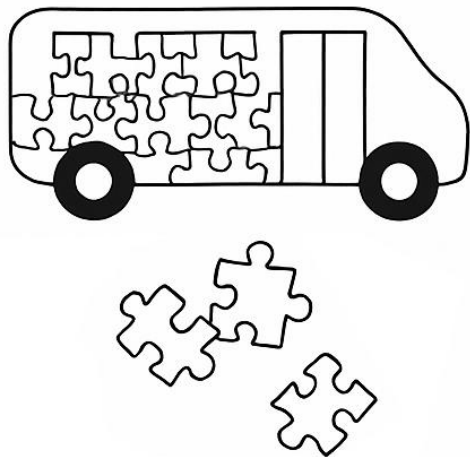


1. PAINT YOUR PUZZLE PIECES

Color all your puzzle pieces yellow using paint or markers. Let them dry.

3. GLUE THE PUZZLE PIECES

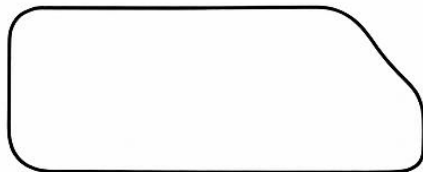
Glue your yellow puzzle pieces inside the bus shape.



EXTRA IDEAS:

- Use cotton balls as "smoke" from the exhaust.

2. MAKE THE BUS SHAPE



4. ADD THE WHEELS

Cut out two black circles from construction paper and glue them at the bottom of the bus.

5. ADD WINDOWS AND DOOR

Cut out squares and rectangles from black or white paper and glue them near the top of bus.

6. DRAW FUN DETAILS

Use crayons or markers to draw details like a stop sign, headlights, or smiling kids in the windows!

PUZZLE SUPER STAR

What You Need:

20 Jigsaw Puzzle Pieces
(Random, Any Size)
1 Popsicle Stick
School Glue
Crayons

Cut on this line

Cut on this line

Directions:

- Print mask on cardstock paper and cut out on black lines.
- Color and decorate mask
- Glue jigsaw puzzles pieces on mask to make your design special.

Use

jigsaw puzzle pieces to decorate.

Perfect for hair, eyebrows, moustache, earrings or a tie.

Cut on this line

Cut this hole out

Cut this hole out

Cut on this line

Degree of Difficulty:



Effortless for Everyone

Adult Supervision Required

- Apply a one-inch strip of glue to one side of the popsicle stick end.
- Turn over mask and secure stick to one of the bottom corners.
- Let Dry!

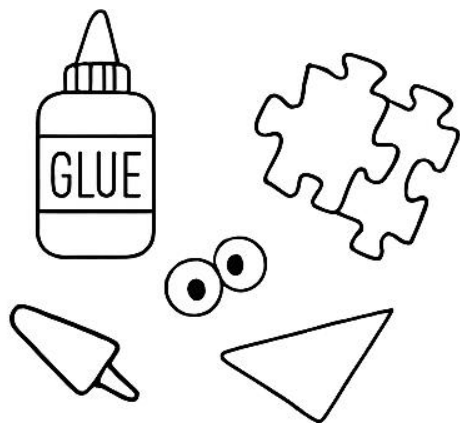
Enjoy Your Mask!

PUZZLE PIECE SNAKE

Let's make a slithery snake using only puzzle pieces!

YOU WILL NEED:

- 12-20 jigsaw puzzle pieces
- Glue
- Crayons, markers, or paint (for decorating)
- Googly eyes or paper circles (for eyes)
- Small red paper triangle (for a tongue)
- A flat surface to build on



LET'S MAKE IT!

Lay Out the Snake Body

Pick out puzzle pieces and line them up in a long, wiggly shape. Let the pieces curve like a real snake!

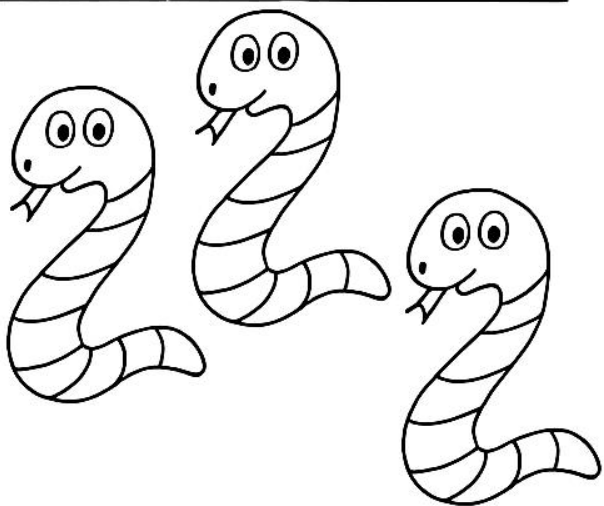
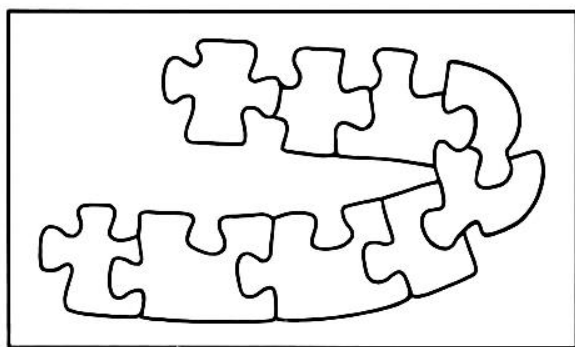
Glue the Pieces Together

Glue the puzzle pieces end to end, one by one.

- Glue on googly eyes or draw eyes with a marker
- Add a red paper tongue or draw it sticking out.

Decorate Your Snake

Use crayons, markers, or paint to give your snake stripes, dots, or even rainbow colors!



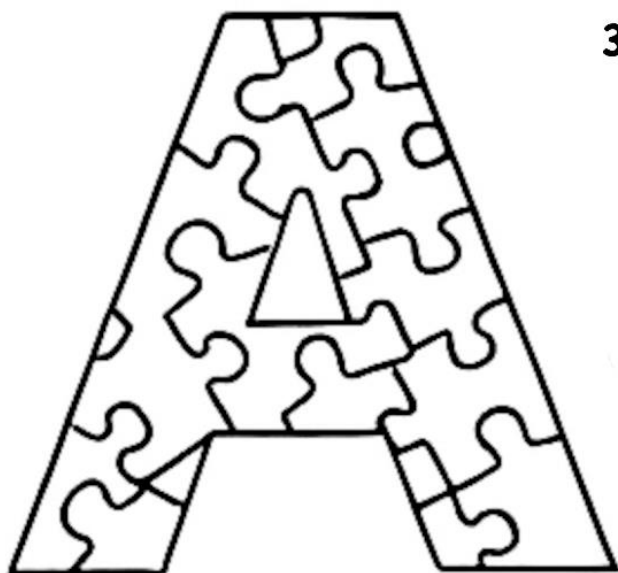
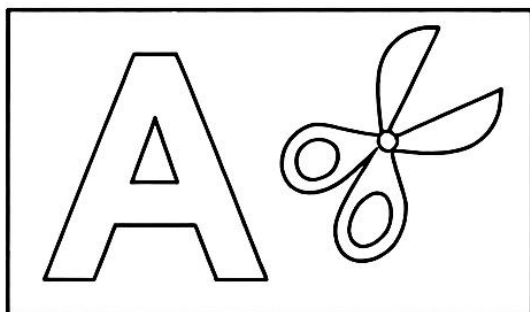
You just made a Puzzle Piece Snake! Give it a name and let it slither across your table.

PUZZLE PIECE NAME LETTER

Let's make the first letter of your name using jigsaw puzzle pieces!

YOU WILL NEED:

- A piece of cardboard
- A pencil
- Scissors
- Glue
- 20–30 jigsaw puzzle pieces
- Crayons, markers, or paint (any colors you like)



LET'S MAKE IT:

1. Draw Your Letter

Use a pencil to draw a big triangle on your cardboard.

2. Cut It Out

Carefully cut out the letter using scissors.

3. Glue the Puzzle Pieces

Start gluing the colored puzzle pieces all over your letter, curving them in fun directions to fill the shape.

Let It Dry

Lay your letter flat and let the glue dry completely.

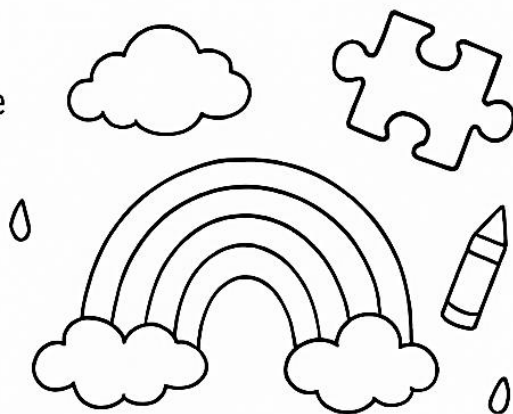


PUZZLE PIECE RAINBOW

Let's make a bright rainbow using colored puzzle pieces!

YOU WILL NEED:

- A rainbow drawn on a piece of paper with 5 color bands
- 30 jigsaw puzzle pieces use the puzzle piece backs
- Glue
- Crayons, markers, or paint (red, orange, yellow, green, blue)



LET'S MAKE IT:

Glue the Puzzle Pieces

Use small dots of glue on each puzzle piece
Press gently onto the rainbow bands.



Prepare the Puzzle Pieces

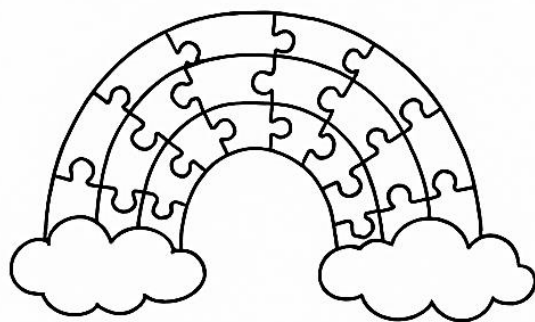
Turn over your puzzle pieces and use the puzzle piece backs

- 6 red puzzle pieces
- 6 orange piece pieces
- 6 yellow piece pieces
- 6 green piece pieces
- 6 blue pieces pieces

- Glue 6 red pieces
- 6 orange pieces
- 6 yellow pieces
- 6 green pieces
- 6 blue pieces

Let It Dry

You just made a
Puzzle Piece Rainbow
full of color and creativity.



You just made a Puzzle Piece Rainbow full of color and creativity. You can color around your rainbow

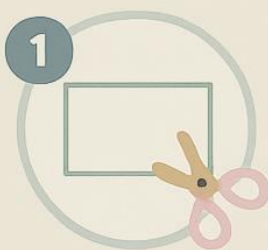


Smiling Face Puzzle Craft

Let's make a happy puzzle face together!

You will need:

- A circle shape
(paper or cardboard)
- About 40 puzzle
pieces
- Glue



1 Cut Out
the Face



2 Add Puzzle
Pieces
around
the Circle



3 Make the
Eyes



4 Put On
the Nose



5 Add a
Mouth

6 Let It Dry



Craft Tip: Your puzzle pieces can go outside the circle too.

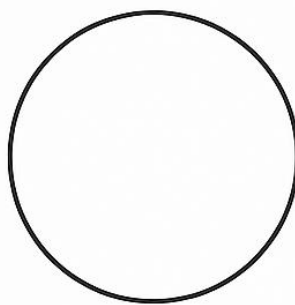


Lollipop

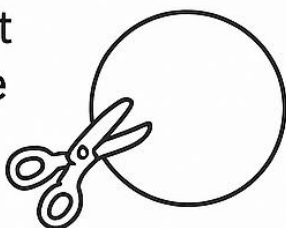
Puzzle Pieces Craft

You will need:

- Puzzle pieces
- A circle
- Glue
- Crayons, colored pencils, or stickers
- A popsicle stick



- 1** Cut out a circle

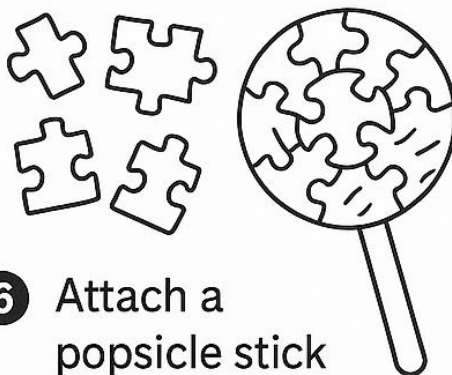


- 3** Spread glue over the circle

- 5** Decorate your lollipop



- 2** Place all your puzzle pieces face up



- 6** Attach a popsicle stick to the back

- 7** Let it dry

- 6** Attach a popsicle stick to the back



PUZZLE FRANKENSTEIN CRAFT

Let's build a Frankenstein using painted puzzle pieces

YOU WILL NEED:

- 30 puzzle pieces
- Green, brown, purple, black, silver or gray paint
- Glue
- Scissors
- Markers or crayons
- A flat place to work

BEFORE YOU START: PREPARE AND PAINT

You will need to connect some of your puzzle pieces before painting. Then paint and let them dry:

• Green (9 pieces total):

- 4 green pieces connected in a square (for the head)
- 2 green pieces connected in a line (left arm)
- 2 green pieces connected in a line (right arm)
- 1 single green piece (for the neck)

• Brown (8 pieces total):

- All 8 should be connected in a rectangle (2 across and 4 down) This is the body

• Purple (8 pieces total):

- 4 purple pieces connected in a line (left leg)
- 4 purple pieces connected in a line (right leg)

• Black (4 pieces total):

- 2 black pieces to cut in half for hair
- 2 black pieces for the boots

• Silver or Gray (1 piece):

- Cut in half (for bolts)

👉 Don't forget to glue the back of every piece, even the ones already connected, so they stay in place when you start the craft.



Let's Build Frankenstein!

1. Make the Head, Glue the 4 connected green pieces flat on your work surface.

This is Frankenstein's head.

2. Add Hair, Cut the 2 black puzzle pieces in half. Glue the half-pieces behind the top of the head for messy hair.

3. Draw a Face, Use markers or crayons to draw eyes, eyebrows, a nose, a mouth, and stitches.

4. Make the Body, Glue the 8 connected brown pieces flat to form the body.

5. Add the Neck, Glue the single green puzzle piece behind the top center of the body. Then glue the head on top of the neck.

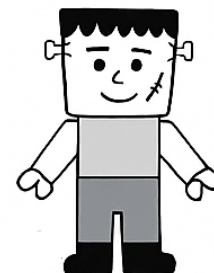
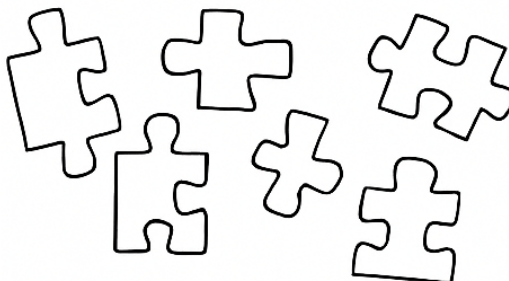
6. Add Arms, Glue the connected green arm pieces behind the left and right sides of the body. One goes behind the left side, the other behind the right.

7. Add Legs, Glue the connected purple leg pieces behind the bottom left and right sides of the body.

8. Add Feet, Glue one black puzzle piece under each leg to make the boots.

9. Add Bolts, Glue one silver half-piece to the left side of the head. Glue the other half to the right side of the head.

10. Let It Dry, Lay your Frankenstein flat and let the glue dry completely.



PUZZLE PUPPET MONSTER

Let's make a silly monster puppet using lunch bag and puzzle pieces!

YOU WILL NEED:

- 1 paper lunch bag
- 40-50 jigsaw puzzle pieces
- Glue
- Crayons, markers, or paint
- A flat place to work
- Scissors



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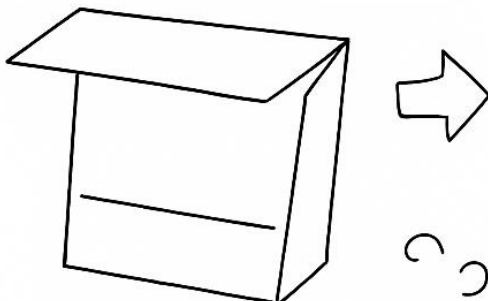
1. **Turn the Bag Face-Up,** Put the paper bag flat on your table with the flap facing up. This will be your monster's face!

2. **Add Puzzle Teeth,** Glue puzzle pieces under the flap to make sharp monster teeth.

Let some hang over the edge to look extra silly or scary!

3. **Make a Monster Face,** Use crayons or markers to draw eyes, a nose, and a mouth.

You can also cut shapes from colored paper and glue them on.



4. **Add Puzzle Decorations,** Glue puzzle pieces on the top of the bag for monster hair or horns.

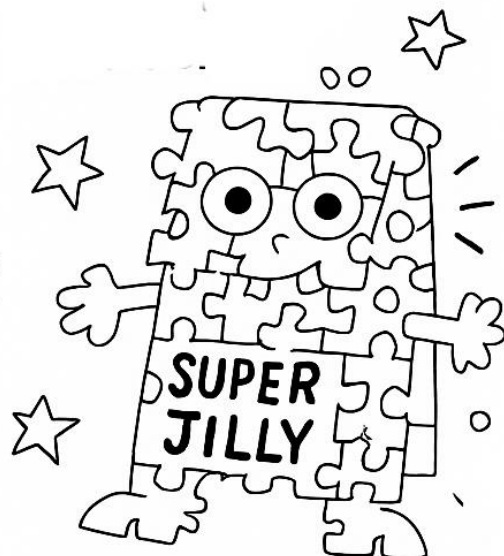
Add pieces around the face for warts, spots, or eyebrows.

5. **Decorate the Whole Bag,** Glue puzzle pieces on the sides and back of the bag to make scales, claws, or extra monster features. Use as many puzzle pieces as you want!

6. **Let It Dry,** Let your puppet sit flat until the glue is dry and all the puzzle pieces are stuck on tight.

7. **Bring Your Monster to Life!**

Now it's time to play. Make it talk, tell a silly story, or share your monster with friends!

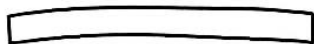


T-REX PUZZLE TAIL

Let's make a wearable T-Rex tail using puzzle pieces!

YOU WILL NEED:

- 1 printed dino tail template (8.5 x 11 size)
- Cardboard or thick paper (for tracing the tail)
- **25-60 jigsaw puzzle pieces** (depending on piece size)
- Glue
- Tape
- A long strip of paper or cardboard (for belt)
- Scissors
- A flat place to work



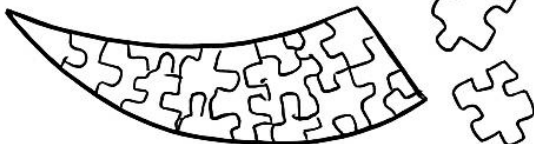
Pick Your Puzzle Colors

Look through your puzzle pieces and pick out colors and patterns you like. You can make your tail spotted, or totally wild!



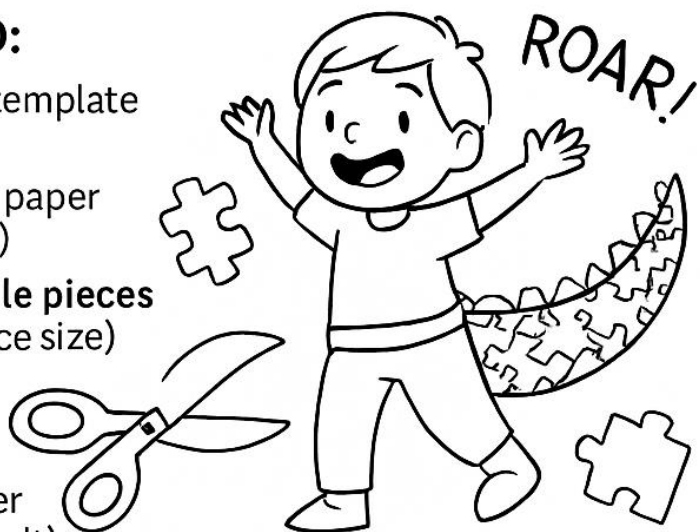
Glue on the Puzzle Pieces

Glue puzzle pieces along the shape of the tail shape.



Make the Belt

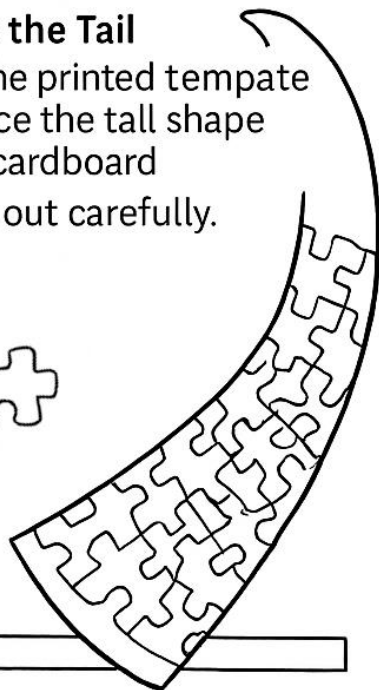
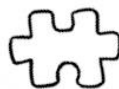
Use a long strip of paper or cardboard that wraps around your waist.



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Trace the Tail

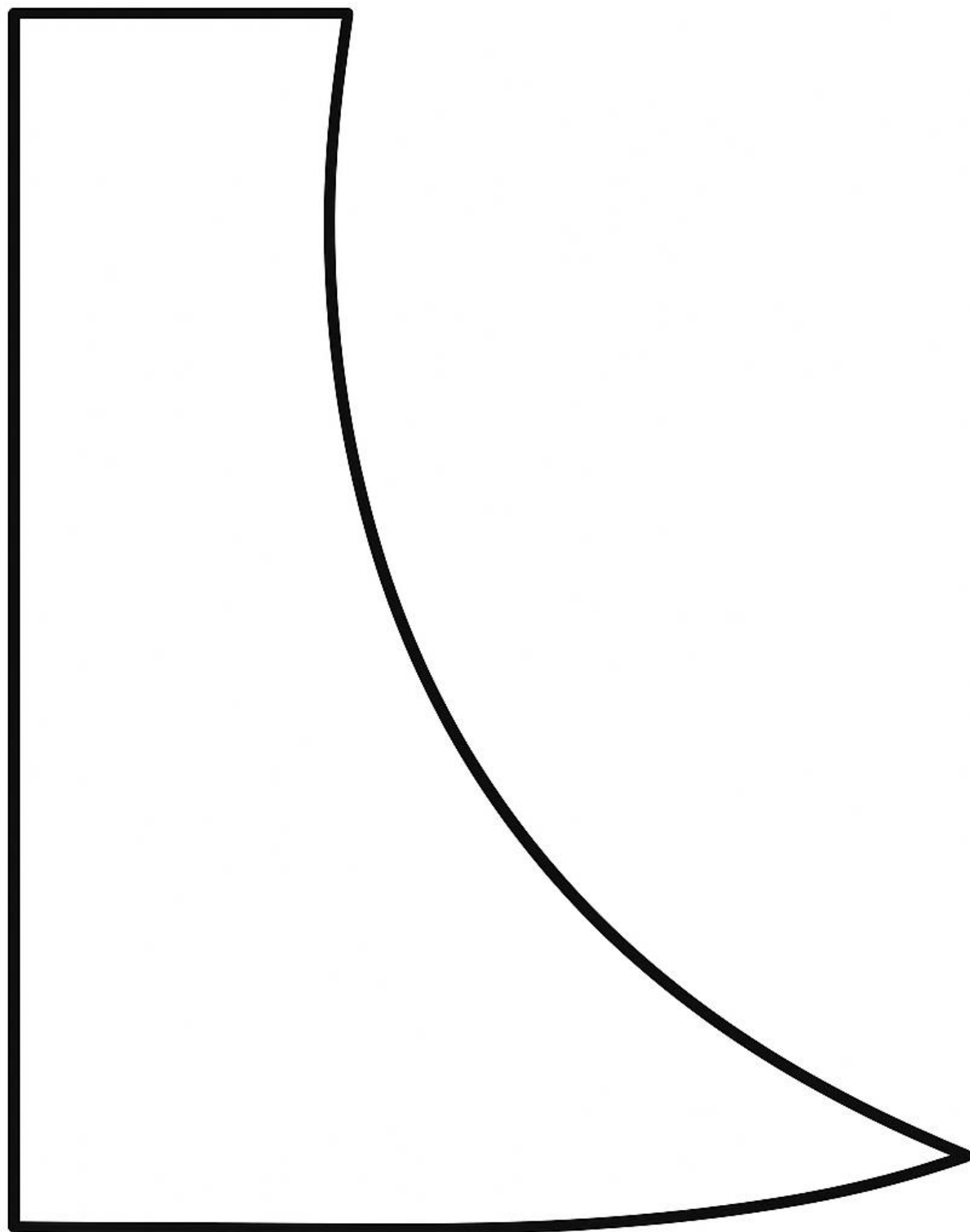
Use the printed template to trace the tail shape onto cardboard. Cut it out carefully.



Let it Dry

Once your tail is dry, wrap the belt around your waist and wear your T-Rex tail!

T-REX PUZZLE TAIL

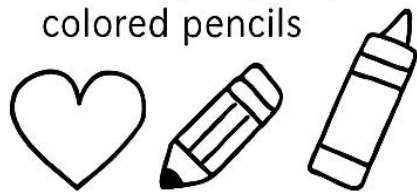


PUZZLE PIECE MATCHING GAME

Create and play a crossroom matching using 32 recycled puzzle pieces!

YOU WILL NEED:

- 32 jigsaw puzzle pieces (any shape or size)
- Markers, crayons, or colored pencils



STEP 1: GET YOUR PIECES

Get 32 puzzle pieces. These will be turned into 16 matching pairs by decorating the cardboard backs of the pieces.



CREATE MATCHING PAIRS

Turn your puzzle pieces over so the cardboard backs face up.

Write Matching Symbols

Write the same number on the cardboard backs of two pieces.

Use Matching Solid Colors

Color the cardboard backs of two pieces using the same solid color.

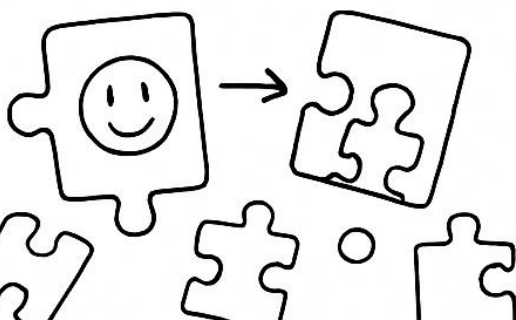


STEP 3: MIX AND PLAY

Mix all your puzzle pieces well. Lay them out face down so the cardboard backs are hidden. You're now ready to play!

HOW TO PLAY THE PUZZLE MATCH GAME

Take turns flipping over two pieces to find the matching pairs.

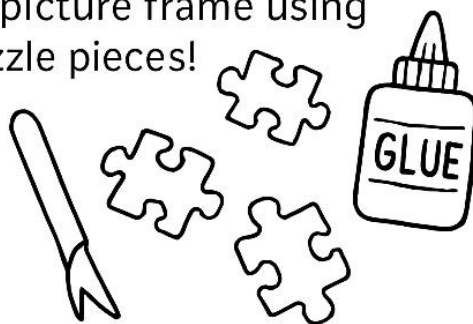


PUZZLE PIECE PICTURE FRAME

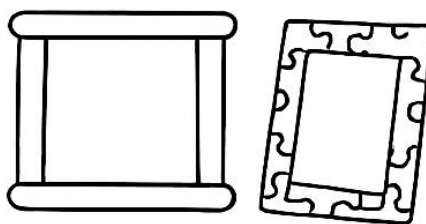
Let's make a homemade picture frame using lollipop sticks and puzzle pieces!

YOU WILL NEED:

- 4 lollipop sticks (craft sticks)
- About 30-40 jigsaw puzzle pieces
- Glue
- A 4x6 photo
- 1 piece of cardboard (about 4.5 x 6.5 inches)
- Scissors
- A flat place to work
- Tape



LET'S MAKE IT!



Make the Frame Shape

Lay 2 lollipop sticks side by side (long sides). Place the other 2 sticks across top and bottom to make a rectangle. Glue the corners where they touch.

Add Puzzle Pieces

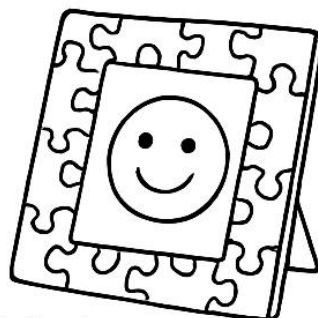
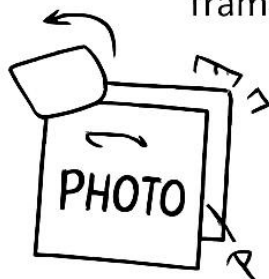
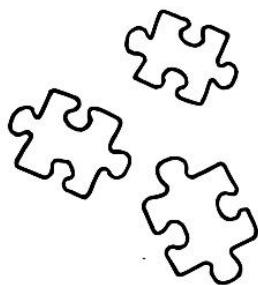
Glue puzzle pieces on top of the lollipop sticks. Cover the whole front of the frame. Let dry.

Place the Photo

Turn the frame over.

Add the Cardboard Back

Glue the piece of cardboard on top of the back of the frame.

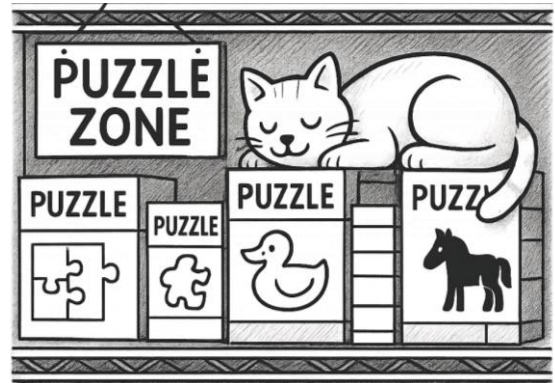


You made a **Puzzle**

Piece Picture Frame! Add a photo and display it for everyone to see!

Where to Find Jigsaw Puzzles for Your Crafts

Searching for used puzzles is not only budget-friendly but also a great way to give new life to forgotten items. There is no reason to trash jigsaw puzzles if there is another life we can offer them by using them as crafts. Many of the jigsaw puzzles I have found may have missing pieces which adds to their charm when turned into crafts.



Ever walked into a thrift store and found a pile of jigsaw puzzles for just a few pennies? Old puzzles, jigsaw puzzles, missing puzzle pieces and puzzles are everywhere, if, you know where to look.

Of course, you might already have a bunch of jigsaw puzzles in your closet. Or maybe in your basement. Even if you don't have any, you might have friends who have puzzles they have played but no longer want.

Try these locations if you're looking for low cost, reusable colorful jigsaw puzzles for crafts:

- **Garage Sales** – People often sell incomplete puzzles for cheap, and sometimes you can get them for free if you ask!
- **Thrift Stores** – A treasure trove for second-hand puzzles, often available for just a few cents or a dollar.
- **Libraries** – There always seems to be a few puzzles at the library foyer when they give away items that were donated (or are no longer used.)
- **Friends & Family** – Ask around; someone always has an old puzzle collecting dust that they'd love to get rid of.
- **Community Centers & Schools** – Some donate extra puzzles for crafting projects or educational use. Many schools clean out old supplies at the end of the year, and puzzles are often included in donation piles.

How to Clean Used Jigsaw Puzzle Pieces for Crafting

If you've ever pulled out an old puzzle from the back of a closet or garage shelf, you've probably noticed the dust, dirt, or musty smell that can come with it. Puzzle pieces, especially those made of cardboard or wood, tend to absorb the conditions of where they've been stored. Before turning them into fun crafts, it's a good idea to give them a gentle but thorough cleaning.

Luckily, cleaning used puzzle pieces is easy and doesn't take much time. You just need a little care and the right method to avoid damaging the pieces. Below are two simple ways to clean puzzle pieces before using them for classroom projects or at-home crafts.

Method One: Vacuum and Wipe

This is the best method if the puzzle is mostly clean but dusty or a bit dirty. It works well for puzzles that have been stored indoors.

Step 1: Vacuum Loose Debris

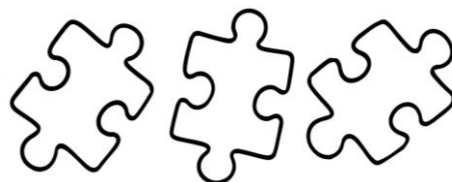
Lay out the puzzle pieces on a clean surface. Using the soft brush attachment on your vacuum, gently sweep over the pieces. This will remove any loose dust, crumbs, or pet hair. Be careful not to vacuum up the smaller pieces. If you're worried, you can put a piece of mesh or pantyhose over the vacuum nozzle to catch anything small.

Step 2: Wipe Each Piece

Dampen a paper towel with warm, soapy water. Use just a tiny bit of dish soap but nothing harsh. The towel should be damp, not dripping wet. One by one, wipe the front and back of each puzzle piece. Be gentle and avoid scrubbing. The goal is to clean without soaking the cardboard.

Step 3: Dry Flat in Sunlight

Place the pieces on a dry towel in a single layer. Let them air dry in a sunny spot. The sun will help dry them quickly and can also help remove any odors. Don't stack or overlap the pieces while drying.



How to Clean Used Jigsaw Puzzle Pieces for Crafting

Method Two: Colander Shake and Wipe

This is a great option if you've picked up an old puzzle at a yard sale, thrift store, or flea market. It helps remove dust, bits of dirt, or anything stuck to the pieces.

Step 1: Use a Colander to Remove Dirt

Place a batch of puzzle pieces into a plastic colander or mesh strainer. Gently shake or toss the pieces. This helps loosen and remove dirt, sand, or any bits stuck in the cracks of the pieces.

Step 2: Wipe Down One by One

Just like the first method, use a damp paper towel with a tiny bit of soap. Gently wipe both sides of each puzzle piece. Don't soak the pieces. Cardboard and wood can warp easily if they get too wet.

Step 3: Let Them Dry in the Sun

Spread the pieces out on a towel in the sun. Make sure there's good air-flow so they dry quickly. It's important that they are completely dry before you begin crafting.

Tips for Safe Cleaning of Jigsaw Puzzle Pieces

- Never submerge puzzle pieces in water. Wooden puzzles can warp or peel.
- Don't use harsh cleaners. Mild dish soap is perfect.
- If a puzzle smells musty, drying it in the sun can help reduce the smell.
- Wear gloves if you are sensitive to dust or mold during the cleaning process.
- If you're working with very old or delicate puzzles, test your cleaning method.

Once your puzzle pieces are clean and dry, they're ready to be transformed into creative crafts! Whether you're making bookmarks, a dinosaur tail, or emoji faces for the classroom, starting with clean pieces ensures a better result and a safer experience for everyone.

