

Classroom Displays

Bulletin Board background

Fabric

As an alternative to paper bulletin board backgrounds, use scrap fabric. It does not fade and can be folded or rolled in cardboard tubes for storage.

Gift Wrap

Gift wrap or shelf paper can make a colorful background for a bulletin board that does not fade.

Tablecloths

Vinyl tablecloths provide durable and economical backgrounds for bulletin boards. They look great with colorful borders and you won't have to replace them all year long.

Bulletin Board Figures

Bubble Wrap

To give bulletin boards a three-dimensional effect, use sheets of packing bubbles. Cut out shapes of graduated sizes and glue the bubbles between each layer. This works especially well with clouds, smoke, leaves, waves, and letter shapes.

Fabric

Check your fabric store for cutouts such as Mickey Mouse, Snoopy, etc. Trim around the figure leaving 1/4 inch of fabric. Spray the wrong side of fabric with a spray adhesive and attach to a piece of tagboard. Cut away the 1/4-inch allowance and your bulletin figure is ready.

Foil

Used, clean foil makes great holiday stars or snowflakes for bulletin boards or they can be hung on the ceiling.

Gift Wrap

Cut letters from wrapping paper to coordinate with bulletin board themes. Laminate to make durable letters. The comic's section of the newspaper works well with cartoon themes.

Display Boards

Ceiling Tiles

If you're running out of bulletin board space, acoustic ceiling tiles convert quickly and easily to small bulletin boards or flannel boards. Cover the tile with fabric, bulletin board paper, or felt.

Cookie Sheets

Take an old cookie sheet to use as a center for magnetic letters and numbers. It can be painted and used for any other magnetic surface teaching aid.

Dry Cleaning Bag Adhesive

An inexpensive way to apply flannel to pictures is to place a piece of the dry cleaning bag between the flannel and figures. Using a protective covering between the iron and the figure, seal with an iron. The heated plastic fuses the flannel to the picture and eliminates wrinkles and bubbles often caused by glue.

Kleenex Box Pockets

Cut empty Kleenex boxes in half and fasten to posters or bulletin boards for durable pockets.

Paper Plate collage

Host a people picnic. Cover paper plates with pictures that tell about students' favorite things, hobbies, family, etc. Cut the pictures from magazines and glue them to the plates in an overlapping collage. Spread a large tablecloth on the floor and invite students to set around the cloth and share the "story" the plate tells. When the sharing is finished, transfer the cloth to the wall and tack the plates to it.