

Grade Level: 2–5
Subject: Language Arts/Spelling

Objective:

Create crossword puzzles on curriculum subjects or other topics of interest.

Materials Needed:

- TREND Black 2" 3-D Ready Letters® (T-79401) or other TREND letters of choice
- TREND Wipe-Off® Calendar (T-1170)
- TREND Wipe-Off® Markers (T-98004)
- White board or other magnetic surface
- Self-adhesive magnets (two types: lightweight and heavy-duty)
- Computer with Internet access or crossword creation software
- Writing paper and pencil
- Scissors

Directions:

You will be able to use this activity frequently for many topics or subjects. It's fun and engaging, and kids will enjoy it every time.

1. Cut the squares out of the calendar so that you have a total of 42 squares.
2. Cut self-adhesive flat magnets into small pieces and affix to two or four edges on the back of the squares.
3. Punch out all of the Ready Letters® and affix one of the heavy-duty magnets to the back of each letter. The letters can be laminated for durability.
4. Write clues and answers on any subject or topic of interest.



5. Arrange the answers to create your own crossword puzzle or use a crossword creation program on the computer.
6. Arrange the calendar squares into the crossword design on the magnetic board and use a Wipe-Off® marker to number the squares appropriately to complete the crossword puzzle.

7. Number the clues to match the answers as arranged on the puzzle.
 Challenge your friends to solve the puzzle and create new puzzles.