

Missing Puzzle Pieces: Puzzle Piece Friends

This Craft Makes:

Some friendly faces (or silly, or scary) on puzzle pieces that have lost their mates

Supplies:

- Puzzle pieces (big ones work great)
- Opaque paint and brushes
- Craft or hot glue

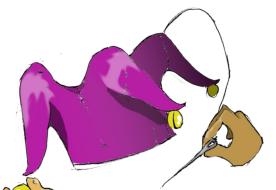
Decorating supplies:

- Yarn
- ◆ Bling
- ▼ Permanent Markers
- ▼ Googly Eyes

Steps to Make It:

- 1. Paint your puzzle pieces on the cardboard side with a thin layer of paint and let dry.
- 2. If you have a puzzle with shiny backs you may need a 2nd coat
- 3. Glúe on googly eyes with hot glue or craft glúe
- 4. Glue on some yarn hair
- 5. Decorate your monsters with paints, permanent markers, and bling





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This Craft Makes:

A set of letters to decorate your room or workspace! You can find our letter templates at https://www.motleykids.org/2021/02/21/puzzle-pieces/

Supplies:

- Puzzle pieces
- ▼ Hot glue
- ♥ Opaque paint
- ♥ Bling

- ◆ Letter templates if you like
- Glue stick if you are using letter templates
- ▼ Thin cardboard (cereal boxes etc)

Steps to Make It:

1. Either use one of our letter templates (cut off the extra and glue it down to the cardboard for easy cutting) or draw out your letter shape on your cardboard.

Make it BIG (at least 6 inches)

Make it HOLLOW (there should be plenty of room inside the strokes of the letter)

- 1. Cut out your letter shape
- 2. Paint your letter with a thin coat of paint so the cardboard color won't show and let it dry.
- 3. Glue down a row of puzzle pieces along the strokes of the letter.

 Try to cover the cardboard MOST of the way but don't worry about gaps.
- 4. It's probably easiest to glue them picture side DOWN, but if you are using a dark color paint then you can glue them picture side up if you want.
- 5. Glue a second row of puzzle pieces on top of the first row to cover most of the gaps
- 6. Pick up your letter and make sure there are no weak spots (where the letter bends easily). If there are, make sure to start your third row by covering those weak spots.
- 7. Fill in the third row however it looks good to you.
- 8. Paint a thin layer of paint onto your puzzle pieces.
 It will probably not be enough to cover completely. That's okay!
- 9. Let the paint dry and then add another THIN layer.
- 10. Keep adding layers until you are happy with the color.
- 11. Add bling once your paint has dried!