

DIY ABC Magnets Tutorial

Supplies:

- Scrapbook paper with all 26 ABC's on separate squares (Try to find one where each letter square is approximately 2" x 2", you can trim a little bit if necessary) I found mine at Hobby Lobby.
- 2" x 2" tiles (Purchased a sheet at Home Depot, \$2.57 for 36)
- Mod Podge
- Round magnets (I purchased 1" diameter ceramic disc magnets at Home Depot, \$1.98 for 6)
- Hot glue gun
- Paint brush or foam brush
- Cutting utensil (Not pictured. Use your tool of choice - scissors, paper trimmer, guillotine trimmer, etc)
- Xacto knife (Not pictured, optional)

Instructions:

1. Cut out the letters from the scrapbook paper (get as close to 2" x 2" as you can) I ended up trimming them to 1 7/8" x 1 7/8" squares because the width of the letters wasn't quite 2" wide. This size leaves a small tile border around the letters.
2. Paint the back side of one paper cutout with Mod Podge, then paint one tile with Mod Podge. Affix the paper cutout to the tile. Maneuver the paper until it is centered on the tile.
3. Repeat step 2 with the remaining cutouts and tiles. Smooth out any visible air bubbles
4. Allow the tiles to dry for no less than 15-20 minutes.
5. Using the brush, apply a topcoat of Mod Podge to the tiles and allow to dry for an additional 15-20 minutes.
6. Apply a second top coat and allow to dry for at least an hour.
7. Plug in the hot glue gun.
8. Apply a dollop of hot glue on the middle back of tile and immediately affix the magnet.
9. Remove the tiles from each other. Depending on the brand, some tiles are attached with mesh, others with glue. If attached with mesh, cut the mesh backing between each row and pull the mesh backing off each tile. If attached with glue, use a Xacto knife to cut the bond between each tile. Then use the Xacto knife to shave the glue off each side as closely as you can (as pictured).
10. Allow the magnets to dry for 24 hours before use.

***Disclaimer - magnets can be dangerous for small children. These magnets should not be placed in the mouth, and should only be used under parental supervision and over the age of 3 years old.**

