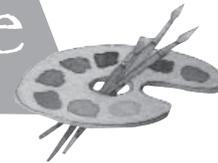


Zoë and her Zebra Mobile



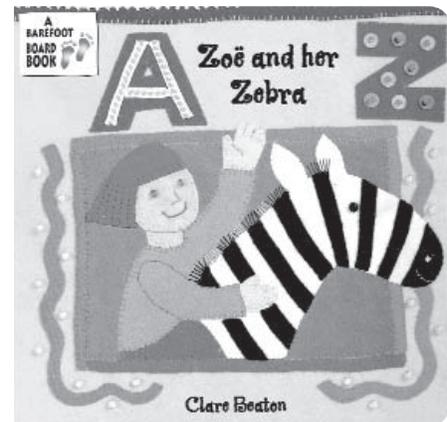
A Barefoot Activity

For kids ages 4 - 7

After you learn the ABCs from Zoë and her many friends, create and decorate a colorful mobile from the letters of your name.

Let's Begin!

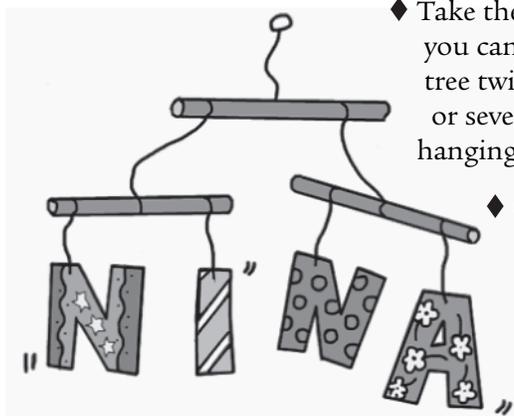
- ◆ Draw large letters on different colored pieces of felt or construction paper. If you need some inspiration, trace the letters in *Zoë and her Zebra*! You will need two cutouts of each letter so you can glue them back to back. Once you have all your letters, start cutting!
- ◆ Measure out pieces of string equal to the number of letters in the name you are creating. Each letter will have its own string. Cut each piece at least six inches long. You can adjust the length of your mobile once everything is arranged.
- ◆ Get out your glue and begin assembling! Start with the two cutouts of the first letter. Place glue on the back of one letter and the top of the other. Next, take a piece of string and place at least an inch of the end on the top of one of the letters that has been prepared with glue. Finally, press the letters together (make sure the string is in between). When you're finished, you should have a letter and string sandwich. You should also be able to hold the string and have the letter dangling from the end! Repeat this process for the remaining letters in your name.
- ◆ Now it's time to decorate! Once all your letters are assembled, make them shine and shimmer by gluing on sequins, beads, buttons, fabric, lace or ribbons.



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Materials

- Felt or construction paper in different colors
- Felt tip pen
- Scissors
- Sequins, beads, buttons, fabric, lace and/or ribbons
- Glue
- String
- Wooden rods or chopsticks



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- ◆ Take the free end of each letter's string and tie it around a wooden rod, which you can buy from any craft store. As an alternative, you can use chopsticks or tree twigs instead of wooden rods. You can hang all your letters from one rod or several. As shown, you can also create an even more spectacular mobile by hanging two rods from one larger one. It's all up to you!

- ◆ Once you are done, find the perfect place in your home or classroom to display your special mobile!

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