

Crafting Document Belts and Pennants out of 18" Foamies by Elsa Pla

End Products:

- 12 Document Belts (to secure reams of student work, etc)
- 24 Pennants (for classroom displays -- ideas at the end)

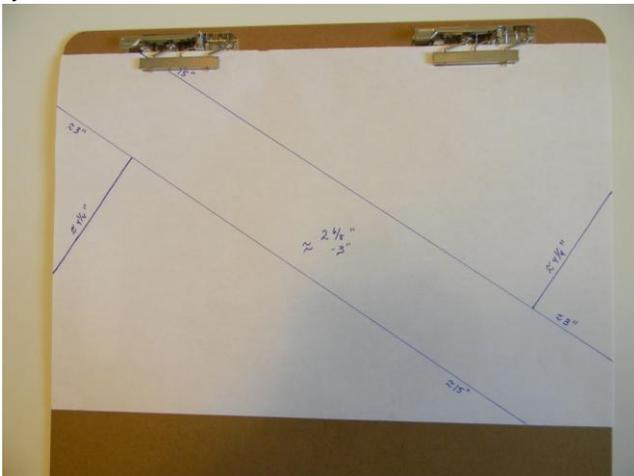
Materials:

- pack of 12 2mm 18" Foamies, assorted colors (~\$8.00)
- 2 packs of 12 adhesive Velcro squares (~\$3.50 ea.)
- one 18" sheet of paper (same size as Foamies)
- wax-based color pencil in a dark color
- long ruler
- scissors
- removable (Post-it) labels for belts (optional)
- decorations for pennants
- vinyl lacing (10 yds) for pennants (~\$1.00)

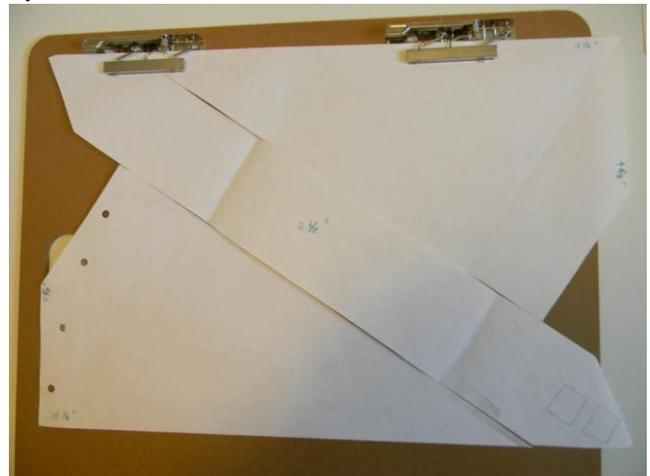
Steps for One Foamie:

1- a) Use the sheet of paper to create the following template for a belt and two pennants. The belt should be as long as possible. Start with a diagonal line. Then add two parallel lines, each $1\frac{1}{2}$ " from the diagonal. Width of belt: ~ 3"; length of sides of pennants: ~ 15". b) Then cut out the shapes.

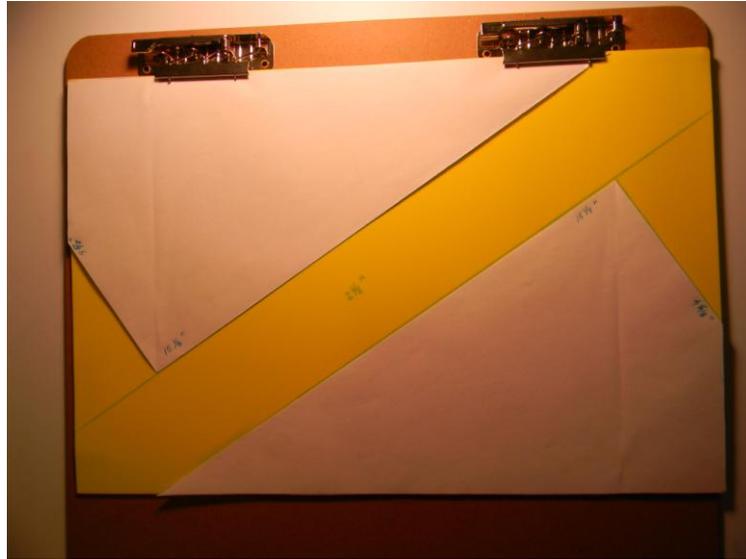
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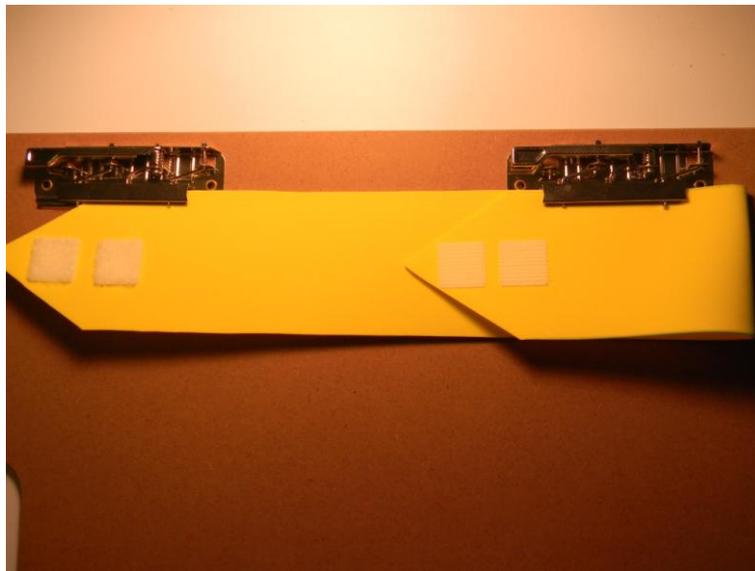


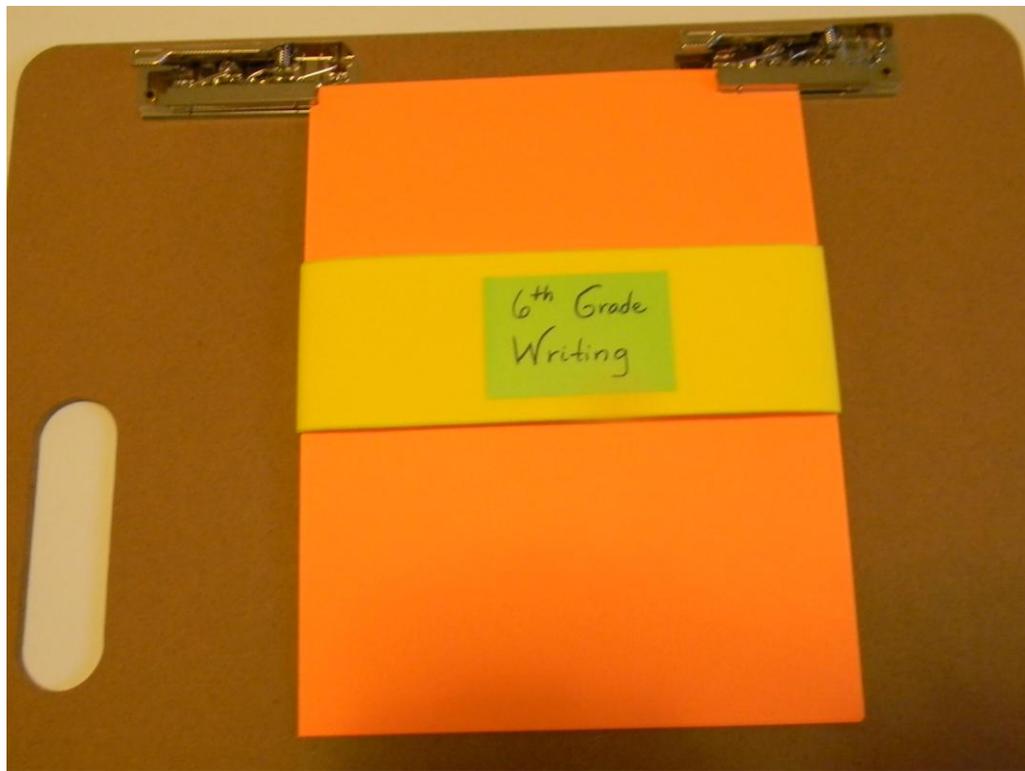
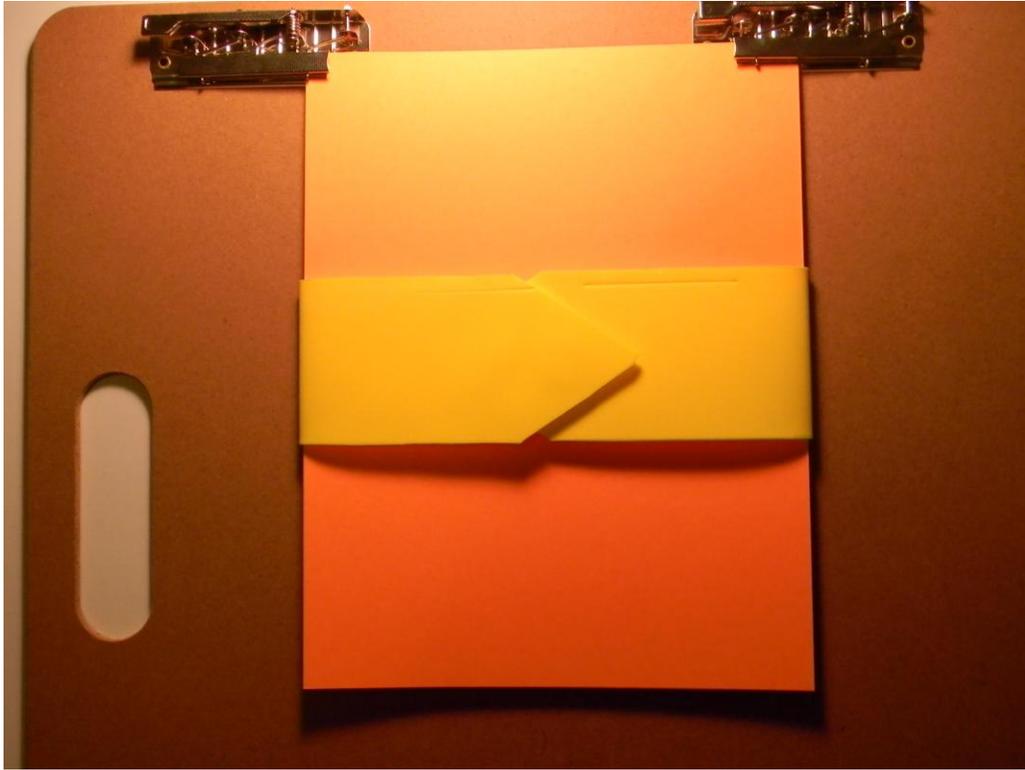
2- Use the paper shapes to help you transfer the template onto the Foamie. (Use the wax pencil to draw the lines on the Foamie.)



3- Cut out the shapes and trim (if necessary) the belt and pennants. (Remember to make the belt as long as possible.)

4- Document Belt: Carefully adhere the Velcro strips to the ends of the belt as shown. Optional: use removable labels to identify your documents.





5- Pennants: Punch out holes for the vinyl lacing and decorate.



Ideas for Pennants

1- Use them to spell important words.

Example: The Three R's: RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, RIGOR

2- Use them to represent individual students or student groups.

3- Use them to keep track of student or group goals.

★ If you want kids to decorate their own pennants, I suggest you cut out pennants out of construction paper and have students decorate those instead, then tape or glue the decorated construction-paper pennants to the Foamies.