



This windsock is great for any of the patriotic holidays.

Do it the last week of school just before Memorial Day, or if you'll still be in school for Flag Day (June 14th) plug it in at that time.

I like to toss in some red-white-and blue activities as well. Did you know that a schoolteacher first celebrated Flag Day? He did it as a Flag Birthday.

This project reviews several report card standards: an ABAB red-white pattern around the base, red, white and blue color words, the star shape, the cylinder 3D shape, the aspect of wind etc.

Making windsocks is a fun way for students to grasp the cylinder vocabulary word, and one of the big reasons I made them several times during the year.

These look terrific dangling from the ceiling in your hallway.

You'll need some yarn, a hole punch, stapler, construction paper, scissors and a glue stick to make this project.

If you have them in your supply cupboard, substitute crepe paper or ribbon for construction paper, for the red and white strips at the base.

God bless America and God bless you and your students!



Patriotic Windsock

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Materials:

- Red, white and blue construction paper
- Glue sticks
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Yarn
- Stapler
- Black pen or crayon to write name.

Directions:

Prep:

- Run off copies of the masters.
- Run off red and white stars. If you have really young students have these pre-cut as each student will need 7 stars and this is too much cutting.
- If you want them to have some practice, have them cut out one star and two strips by cutting one line to make two strips.
- You can either have students cut their own strips or cut them out on a paper cutter.
- Either use large royal blue paper to make the cylinders or use 1 ½ pieces of regular paper and glue them together.

The next day...

1. Students cut out whatever you want them to cut out.
2. Give each student 4 red and 4 white strips.
3. Children glue them to the bottom of their blue construction paper.
4. They should lay them out on the bottom before they glue them so that they are evenly spaced. Spaces should be about 1 inch apart from the next strip. The end strips are butt up against the blue paper edge.
5. Children arrange their stars on the blue background 'til they look nice and then glue them down.
6. Students write their name on the back of their paper.
7. Students roll their blue paper into a cylinder.
8. Teacher staples it together.
9. Punch a hole in either side and string with a piece of yarn.





