



Make your own sign at home

Signs are a way to share information, help people remember that information, and inspire pride. Check out the below signs- what do you think they are selling and why?



Sign makers use symbols to communicate the idea they want to share. A symbol is a word, image, or phrase that represents something. In the examples above the burger and dairy cows are symbols of the type of goods sold at the business using those signs.

Think about your school- does it have any signs or symbols? Why might they use these signs and symbols?

Since we all do not have as many chances to get out of the house right now, bring a little color to where you live by creating your own house sign!

Here's what you'll need:

- Notebook or scratch paper
- Cardstock, poster board, or plain computer paper
- Pencil
- Coloring tools (markers, crayons, or colored pencils)
- Ruler (optional)

Here's how to do it:

- 1.) Think about yourself and the people who live with you. What are things each of you like and/or think are important? On one side of your scratch paper, write down one or two things for each person. For example, maybe you enjoy and value learning and staying active by playing sports.
- 2.) Think of ways you could turn your ideas into symbols you could add to your sign. For example, maybe a book to represent learning and your favorite sport ball to represent staying active.
- 3.) On the other side of your scratch paper, sketch out what you want your sign to look like. What symbols do you want to include? Are you going to add any text like a family name?
If you have a ruler, you can use it to help draw straight lines and keep your writing straight.
- 4.) Once you are happy with your plan, use your pencil to copy your sketch onto your cardstock/poster board/computer paper. *If you have a ruler, you can use it to help you on this step too.*



- 5.) Use your markers/crayons/colored pencils to add color and decorations to make your sign really pop.
- 6.) Share your sign with your family and explain to them what each symbol represents. Work together to find the best way to display your sign.

Let us know how your signs turned out! Tag us at #AsmCincy!