# **CREATE YOUR OWN POETRY KIT**



You have probably seen those magnetic poetry kits, like the one below. In this project we'll be creating our own kits, except instead of magnets, we're going to be using magazines, scissors, and tape.

Before doing this project, you might want to complete <u>Project 1:</u> <u>Build Your Own Art Studio</u>, which includes a bulletin board for displaying your poetry — though really, any surface will work.

### Step 1 of 8

Gather your supplies:

Old magazines and junk mail that can be cut up

Scissors

Tape — either masking or Scotch tape will work

A container — like tupperware, a jar, or a tin — for holding your words



## Step 2 of 8

Search through your magazines and junk mail, cutting out any words that you like. Later you will be sticking tape on the backs of your words, so make sure your words aren't too tiny.

In addition to words you like, you will need some ordinary words like THE, AND, TO, IS, ARE, YOU, etc.

Keep cutting out words until you have a good pile of at least 50. You can always add more later, but this will give you a good start.

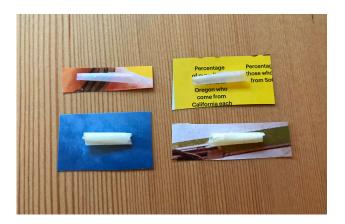




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Spread your words out on a surface. (If you did project 1, you can spread the words out on your "chair desk")

The best way to begin is to just begin! Grab a word and go from there. Don't think too hard about creating a sentence or poem, or even making sense — the surprise is half the fun, and sometimes ridiculous word combinations are the very best kind.



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Next, cut off small pieces of tape — about an inch long. The pieces should be just long enough to roll into little tube. If you use too much tape, your tubes will be too large and might show when you stick your words to the wall.

Stick one tape tube onto the back of each word you would like to display.



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Display your words on your "bulletin board" (the back of your chair desk if you did Project 1) or another surface like your bedroom wall, the refrigerator, a piece of cardboard or wood, a clipboard or a picture frame with the glass removed.



## Step 6 of 8

As for your extra words, you can save them in a tupperware container, tin, jar, or envelope.

Keep collecting words, and swap out your message with a new one any time you feel like it. Maybe you could come up with a new message or poem every day.

You can also challenge yourself to come up with messages that express:

- 1. What you're feeling inside
- 2. Words of encouragement (to yourself and others)
- 3. Wishes or messages to the universe

Maybe you can pick one of those things to try right now!

## Step 7 of 8

If you want to keep track of your messages and poems, you can snap photos of them before you take them down — or, if you don't have a camera you can use, just copy the messages onto a piece of paper or in your journal. If you want, you can even tape the messages in your journal.

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Want to share your messages with us? Oh please do!