

A Guide To Making Signs

2nd Grade

Things to Consider:

Who will read your sign?

Why do people need to read your sign? Is it:

- An invitation
- A warning of danger
- A guide or directions

Pros and Cons of different materials:

- What will happen when we material gets wet?
- What will happen when strong winds blow?
- Can you see your sign when it gets dark?

Types of Signs

Reader Boards

Reader boards use letters that can easily be moved around to create new messages.

Pros: easy to make different messages

Cons: can be damaged by wind, letters may fall off



Types of Signs

Window Paint

Window Paint consists of hand painted letters and artwork.

Pros: Easy to touch-up or fix

Cons: Can flake off, not easy to change



Types of Signs

Signs with Lights

Signs with lights can be easily seen at night. Some signs have lights that shine on the letters, some use light to make letters.

Pros: Easy to see at night

Cons: Can be difficult or expensive to make, can be difficult to repair.



Types of Signs

Digital Signs

Computing is cheaper, more powerful and easier to use than ever before. Computer screens make good signs in indoor locations with electricity.

Pros: easy to change, clear letters, allows sound

Cons: needs electricity, may need a special stand, can be heavy and expensive.



Types of Signs

Sandwich Board Signs

Sandwich boards are two pieces of stiff material connected at the top like a hinge. They can have your message on both sides.

Pros: Face 2 directions, easy to move and take inside.

Cons: Light weight will blow in wind if not attached to ground



Types of Signs

Fabric Signs/Banners

These signs include fabric that can be painted.

Pros: Flexible, light

Cons: Will absorb water, may fade with light



More Ideas for Making Signs

Making signs can be a fun and simple artistic exercise. Signs help people in many ways. If you need more ideas for inspiration [Mountain Modern Life](https://mountainmodernlife.com/diy-wood-sign-using-your-printer/) has a nifty tutorial on making a custom sign using reclaimed wood and an inkjet printer. Their process is great for creating precise lettering on irregular materials and is especially suited for wooden signs.

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