

DIY Family Puzzle (Using Cardboard)

Let's create a fun and unique **DIY Family Puzzle** that brings everyone together! With just a piece of cardboard, some colorful markers, and a bit of imagination, you can design a personalized puzzle that features your family's favorite memories, drawings, or even a big group portrait. This hands-on activity is perfect for all ages, and once the puzzle is complete, you'll have a custom family game to enjoy over and over again!



Materials List:

- **A large piece of sturdy cardboard** (Your puzzle base)
- **Markers, crayons, or paint** (For decorating the puzzle)
- **Scissors or a craft knife (with adult supervision)** (To cut the puzzle pieces)
- **Ruler and pencil** (For drawing puzzle piece outlines)
- **Glue (optional)** (If you want to attach a photo or paper to the puzzle)
- **Photos or printed family designs (optional)** (For creating a picture puzzle)

Instructions: Let's Get Crafting!

1. **Prepare Your Puzzle Base:** Start with a large piece of cardboard. The bigger the cardboard, the more puzzle pieces you can create! Use a ruler to measure out the size you want your puzzle to be.
2. **Design Your Puzzle:** Here's where the creativity begins! You can either draw a big family picture, write a fun message, or decorate it with colorful patterns and doodles. If you want to use a family photo or printed design, glue it onto the cardboard before cutting the puzzle pieces.
3. **Draw Puzzle Pieces:** Once your design is complete and dry, flip the cardboard over and use a pencil to draw puzzle piece shapes on the back. Use a ruler if you want neat, symmetrical pieces or freehand the shapes for a more organic look. Remember, the more pieces you draw, the more challenging the puzzle will be!
4. **Cut the Puzzle:** With adult supervision, carefully cut along the puzzle lines using scissors or a craft knife. Make sure to cut each piece cleanly so that they fit together when you reassemble the puzzle.
5. **Mix and Match:** Now it's time to test out your puzzle! Mix up the pieces and see if your family can put it back together. It's a great way to spend time together while solving your personalized puzzle.
6. **Store and Play Again:** Once you're done, store the puzzle pieces in a small box or bag so you can enjoy the game whenever you want. You can even create multiple puzzles for different family members or events!

Craft Bonus: Add Some Flair!

Want to make your family puzzle extra special? Try making themed puzzles for different occasions, like holidays or birthdays! You can also paint each puzzle piece a different color and write a fun fact about each family member on their piece. For an added challenge, make a double-sided puzzle—decorate both sides and switch it up for a new puzzle experience!