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Make an American Flag



Materials:

- 8"X12" pieces red, white, blue construction paper (1 piece each color)
- Star puncher
- White paper strips for punching out stars (or 50 star stickers)
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue
- Image of American flag for reference

Preparation:

With your child, gather the above materials. Cover work surface for easy cleanup.



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Instructions:

1. Invite your child to make an American flag.
2. With your child, use the ruler and pencil to mark off 7 segments of the red construction paper. Each segment needs to be $\frac{3}{4}$ " X 12".
3. Have your child, if capable, cut the red strips.
4. Together lay out the red strips (before gluing) onto the white construction paper, starting by placing one strip at its top, and one strip at its bottom. Next position the remaining red strips to create the red/white flag pattern. Glue each strip into place.
5. From the blue construction paper, cut a 5" X 6" rectangle. Glue this on top of the red strips, positioned in the top left corner.
6. While this dries, use the star punch to make 50 white stars (or gather stickers).
7. Count stars by placing in 4 sets of 8, and 2 sets of 9. (The stars on the American flag are positioned in 4 rows of 8 and 2 rows of 9.)
8. Position stars, one row at a time, and adhere in place.

Optional Extension:

- Display flag on Memorial Day and explain the significance of doing so.