

## Custom Name Tags and Journals

**Objective:** Participants will personalize their journals with pre-cut vinyl name tags and designs, fostering a sense of ownership and creativity.

**Duration:** 30 minutes

### Materials Checklist

- **Journals:** One per participant.
- **Pre-cut Vinyl Name Tags:** Personalized for each participant.
- **Pre-cut Vinyl Designs:** Variety of designs for further journal decoration.
- **Weeding Tools:** For removing excess vinyl.
- **Transfer Tape:** For applying vinyl to journals.
- **Scraper Tools:** For ensuring vinyl adheres properly.
- **Cleaning Wipes:** For prepping journal surfaces.
- **Markers/Pens:** For any additional personalization.

### Preparatory Steps

1. **Pre-Activity Setup:**
  - Pre-cut and weed vinyl name tags for each participant.
  - Prepare a variety of pre-cut vinyl designs for journal decoration.
  - Set up Cricut machines with appropriate cutting mats and materials.
2. **Design Preparation:**
  - Prepare a library of symbols and shapes for additional decoration.
  - Ensure all weeding tools and transfer tape are readily available.
3. **Participant Setup:**
  - Arrange tables and seating for participants to personalize their journals.
  - Distribute journals, pre-cut vinyl name tags, and designs.
4. **Instruction and Safety Briefing:**
  - Provide clear instructions on how to apply vinyl using transfer tape.
  - Conduct a brief safety briefing on handling weeding tools and transfer tape.

### Activity Breakdown

#### 1. Introduction (5 minutes)

##### **Welcome Participants:**

- Greet the participants warmly and introduce the day's activity.
- Explain that they will be personalizing their journals with pre-cut vinyl name tags and designs.

##### **Discuss the Importance of Personalization:**

- Use the first rhetoric blurb to talk about how personalization allows for self-expression and individuality.
- Explain how this activity will help them see the value in making items their own.

## **2. Personalization Activity (20 minutes)**

### **Distribute Materials:**

- Hand out the journals, pre-cut vinyl name tags, and a variety of pre-cut vinyl designs to each participant.
- Ensure each participant has access to weeding tools, transfer tape, scraper tools, and cleaning wipes.

### **Demonstration:**

- Show participants how to prep the journal surface to ensure proper adhesion.
- Demonstrate how to use the transfer tape to pick up their vinyl name tag:
  1. Place the transfer tape over the vinyl name tag and use a scraper tool to firmly press it down.
  2. Carefully peel the transfer tape away, lifting the vinyl name tag with it.
  3. Position the name tag on the journal and press it down with the scraper tool.
  4. Slowly peel away the transfer tape, leaving the vinyl name tag on the journal.

### **Participants Personalize Journals:**

- Allow participants to apply their name tags to their journals.
- Encourage them to choose additional pre-cut designs to further personalize their journals.
- Walk around to provide assistance and tips as needed.

## **3. Wrap-Up (5 minutes)**

### **Showcase Personalized Journals:**

- Invite participants to share their personalized journals with the group.
- Highlight a few unique designs and praise the creativity shown by the participants.

### **Discuss the Role of Creativity:**

- Use the second rhetoric blurb to discuss how engaging in creative activities enhances learning and develops important skills.
- Encourage participants to think about how they can use creativity in other projects and activities.

### **Feedback and Questions:**

- Collect feedback on the activity and answer any questions participants may have.
- Briefly preview the next activity or session to keep participants engaged.

## **Ed Guide**

**Safety Script:** "Before we begin our exciting personalization activity, let's review some important safety guidelines. Always handle the weeding tools and transfer tape with care. If you have any questions or encounter any issues, please let me know immediately. Remember, safety is our priority to ensure everyone has a fun and safe time. Thank you!"

**Rhetoric:** "Feel free to take your time and incorporate several pauses. Ideally, participants will be so engrossed in the activity that they can barely hear you. This fundamental information will be reiterated multiple times throughout the program. Each reading will last about 2 minutes."

**The Importance of Personalization:** "Personalization allows us to express our individuality and creativity. By adding your name and designs to your journal, you make it uniquely yours. This activity helps you appreciate the value of making items your own and shows how personal touches can transform everyday objects into something special."

**Enhancing Creativity through Hands-On Activities:** "Engaging in creative activities like this enhances our learning and develops important skills. By personalizing your journal, you're not just decorating an object – you're practicing problem-solving, fine motor skills, and design thinking. These skills are valuable in many areas of life and learning, including our upcoming drone projects."

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## **Analysis**

**Objective Clarity:** The objectives of the journal personalization activity are clearly stated, focusing on fostering creativity, self-expression, and engagement through hands-on crafting.

**Engagement:** The use of Cricut machines and vinyl decorations enhances engagement by providing participants with hands-on experience in personalizing their journals. The interactive nature of the activity adds excitement and personal involvement.

**Structured Stages:** The activity is structured into stages including introduction, personalization, and wrap-up. This ensures a clear progression of tasks and maximizes participant involvement in each stage of the activity.

**Moderator Involvement:** The role of the educator moderator is crucial in guiding participants through the stages, providing instructions on using the Cricut machine and applying vinyl, and facilitating group formation based on flight results.