

PET BFF NECKLACES

AGES

Children 8+ years

Teens

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

BFF necklaces for pets and owners! Children or teens make bottle cap necklaces out of their favorite pet pictures. Alternatively, they can turn the photos in bottle caps into pins or magnets. For a passive display component, create an animal besties bulletin board where patrons post selfies with their pets. Suggested runtime: 60 minutes

MATERIALS AND PREPARATION

For pet BFF necklaces, you will need:

- Craft bottle caps (softened edges)
- 1" circle punch (for photos)
- 1" clear epoxy stickers
- Metal hole punch
- Jump rings
- Jewelry tweezers
- Necklace chain or cord
- Glue sticks
- Pet photos



Image source: Laura Shouse of Gallatin Public Library of Sumner County

Set up separate stations so participants can take turns with limited tools. Ask participants to bring a photo of their pet that they would not mind cutting up, or have them email their photos in advance. Resize images so pet faces are about 1" in diameter before printing. Print and punch out the photos using a 1" circle punch, or let participants do this themselves.

During the program, glue each picture to the insides of a bottle cap. Add an epoxy sticker to seal it. Punch a small hole in the edge of the cap using a metal punch, and use jewelry tweezers to open and thread a jump ring through the hole. Thread necklace cord through the jump ring.

UNIQUE SPACE AND PERSONNEL NEEDS

Add additional staff members for large groups and younger children. If you include metal-punched ID tags, take the program outdoors.

TIP:

Make this a two-part (or longer) program by adding pet ID tags. After making necklaces for themselves, participants stamp metal ID tags for their pets. For supplies, you would need to add blank aluminum tags, a set of metal letter punch stamps (about \$20), and at least one hammer to your list.

TIP:

You can also make pet tags out of Shrinky Dink plastic and alcohol-based markers. If you do not have easy access to an oven, give participants instructions for how to shrink their own tags at home.

ADAPTATION:

For participants without pets, set out magazines to choose pictures from.

TIP:

You can also use Modge Podge or resin to seal the pictures instead of stickers, but be forewarned that these might have a strong smell.

RESOURCES

Web

Bottle cap necklace tutorial #1: <https://bit.ly/3dEKUtV>

Bottle cap necklace tutorial #2: <https://bit.ly/2zxhPSu>

Craft bottle caps for purchase: <https://amzn.to/2YTXSA5>

Epoxy stickers for purchase: <https://amzn.to/2WqLCFt>

TIP:

See Chapter 04:
We Rate Pets for
fiction lists.