

Flannel board

- 1 large strong cardboard box
- Staples, split pins or glue
- Felt

Cut the top and bottom flaps from the box. Cut the box along one side seam to open it up. Overlap the two ends to form a triangle as shown. Staple, glue or fasten the overlapping sides with split pins. Cover the three sides with felt. You can magnetise one side of the flannel board by inserting a piece of chicken wire between the cardboard and the felt.

Elastic board

Hammer 121 small nails at 2 cm intervals in an 11 x 11 grid onto a 21 cm x 21 cm piece of wood. Give learners elastic bands and let them recreate shape patterns.

Pegboard

Cut packing Styrofoam into squares measuring 21 cm x 21 cm. Make 121 small holes at 2 cm intervals in an 11 x 11 grid using a long nail. Use golf tees or similar as pegs.

Counters

Bottle tops, buttons, cotton reels, acorns and pasta shapes make good counters.

Book holders

These book holders can be used to display books in the library corner and on the theme table. Take a wire hanger and squeeze the wire ends so that the bottom centre pops up.

