

# Make Your Own Magnetic Poetry Activity

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**Target Audience:** General, Family, kids of reading age and above

**Materials:**

Pre-cut words from magazines, etc.

Glue sticks

Magnet strips/old flexible magnets

Scissors

Cookie sheet or other magnetic board for display

Envelopes or baggies for people to take their words home in

**Directions:**

- 1) Pre-cut words from magazines, catalogues, etc. that are all at least 'headline' sizes (no regular text, it's too small!) The more colorful and interesting the words, the better, but don't forget articles, conjunctions, and 'everyday' words as well. No words should be bigger than an inch tall.
- 2) Put the pre-cut words out in trays or plates for people to sift through. When they've collected enough words that they like, have them glue the words to the magnets and trim them so that the magnet does not stick out beyond the word.
- 3) People can add their words to the collaborative poem on the magnet board or take them home with them to put on their own refrigerators, etc. Offer them an envelope or baggie to use to carry them home if they need it.

**Exhibit Tie-In: Trash Menagerie**

Making art from recycled and unexpected materials. Magnetic poetry is essentially a form of reusable collage.

**Science Tie-Ins:**

- 1) Recycling
- 2) Magnetism

**Historical/Cultural Tie-Ins:** April is National Poetry Month