



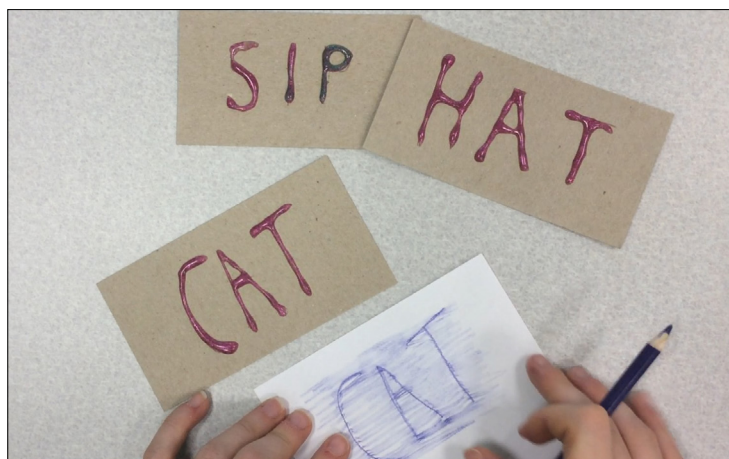
Sight Word Rubbing Cards

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Introduction

Texture rubbing is a common pre-k activity, but this DIY project adds literacy learning that is perfect for both pre-writers and emergent readers. Children can feel and trace the outline of the letters with their fingers and then use a pencil or crayon to rub the shape of the letters and words onto paper. For further reinforcement of writing skills, kids can use the outline of the rubbing as a guide to write the letters and words on their own.

If you create single letter cards, children can also make their own words by combining cards and completing the rubbing on a single sheet of paper.



Supplies

- Cardboard
- Pencils or crayons
- Hot glue gun and refills
- Paper

Instructions

- 1. Cut Cards:** Use cardboard or cereal boxes for the cards. Index cards work well for this too, as long as they are thick enough to support the hot glue and hold up to vigorous use.
- 2. Write Letters:** Depending on your child's skill level, write single letters or short words on cards.
- 3. Trace with Hot Glue:** Using a hot glue gun, trace the outlines of the letters on the cards, making sure that the glue is raised enough from the card to create a noticeable difference in height between the card and the letter outline.

More Resources

Visit the Plano Public Library's official [YouTube channel](#) to view this activity and other Library Make Instruction videos. And check out our blog post about this activity at kidsbrainplano.org/librarymake.

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