



TURN YOUR WILD CHILD'S MAIN QUARTERS INTO A
THREE-RINGED CIRCUS ACT WITH SOME HELP FROM OUR
COLORFUL FOAMBOARD

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INSPIRING PROJECT IDEAS INSIDE.

Big-Top Bash

{ CREATIVE INSPIRATIONS *free* FROM HOBBY LOBBY.® }

ABOUT TIME «

Now's a fine time to turn colorful foamboard into a big-top-inspired wall clock. Just outfit your circular circus design with a battery-operated clock movement and clock hands, sold near the woodworking supplies. And here's another circus trick: To make things extra easy, use foam stickers for the numbers.



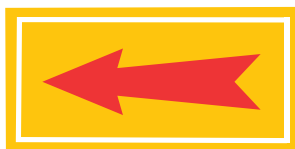
SHELF LIFE »

Want to help a basic shelf join the circus? Add some bright foam-core accents. Complete step-by-step instructions ahead on page 7.



GOOD TO GALLOP ✂

There's a secret to making art that seems to gallop right off the wall. And circus fans, it's all about dimension. We cut two sets of foamboard flames for our hoop-hopping zebra—the back layer is slightly larger than the front layer. Then we stacked small pieces of scrap foamboard between the cutouts for 3D pop.



STANDING OUT

How to amp up the authenticity at a circus-themed soirée? Turn the snack station into a concession stand! It's as easy as building a foamboard facade around a card table. Just cut out the pieces with a craft knife, and assemble with hot glue. *TIP: If you can't find the perfect color for your project, try painting white foamboard.*



RING ME

Does your little one dream of clowns, cotton candy and tightrope acts? Bring the big top home with adorable foamboard décor. Here's one way to do it: Make glue-on facades for basic store-bought furniture. Look carefully at our circus train—the middle car is cube shelving, and the end car is a standard-issue toy box.

“C” YOU SOON

What's every ringmaster's rule of thumb? It's all in the details like this artfully layered marquee letter. We traced our “C” onto foam core three times—once for the main character, once for the shadow, and once more for the swirly detail. Then we cut out our tracings with a craft knife and glued the cutouts together as shown.



ONE TRACK MIND

Our circus choo-choo is made up of simple shapes (mostly squares, rectangles and circles) pieced together and secured with hot glue.

TIP: To create the steam pipe, use a craft knife to make a series of uniform cuts—don't cut all the way through—across a foamboard rectangle. Then bend the rectangle into a cylinder, as shown.



CIRCUS CIRCUS

Our colorful foamboard can help you turn any room into a three-ring act—and that's great news for your favorite little monkey. Think small accents, like embellished shelves or a personalized sign. Or try a biggie, like a wall-mounted circus tent.



CIRCUS FUN!



SUPPLIES

- Pocket-style shelf (Home Accents Dept.)
- Blue foamboard
- Red foamboard
- Acrylic paint
- Foam brush
- Paintbrushes
- Paint palette
- Craft knife
- Cutting mat
- Ruler
- Hot glue gun/hot glue sticks
- Pencil
- Provided templates



STEP 1

Remove hardware from shelf. Then paint as desired, and let dry completely.



STEP 2

Trace scalloped template onto blue foamboard and cut out with craft knife. Then measure and cut a large piece of blue foamboard to line inside of shelf.





STEP 3

For a finished look, paint sides of scalloped cutout.



STEP 4

Trace star and circle templates (pg.10) onto red foamboard, and cut out with craft knife. Paint cutouts as desired, being sure to apply paint to edges.



STEP 5

Invert shelf, as shown. Then layer and adhere cutouts.



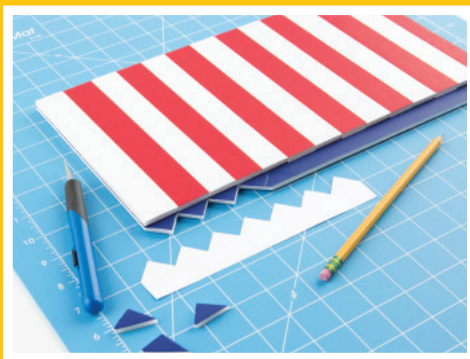
STEP 6

Measure and cut stripes to fit across large piece you cut out in step 2.



STEP 7

Glue stripes to large cutout (from step 2) as shown, turning over every other stripe to show white side of foamboard. For a look like ours, you'll need a small strip of blue foam core showing along bottom edge of cutout.



STEP 8

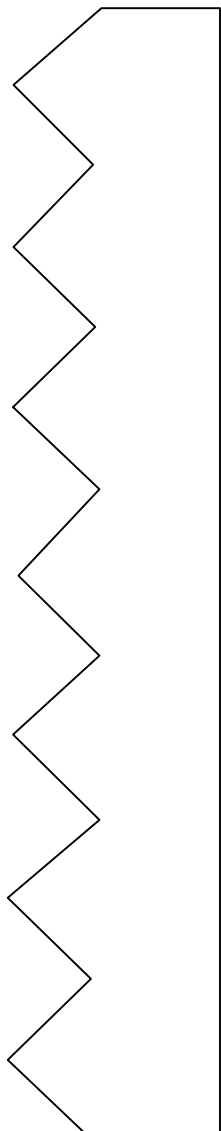
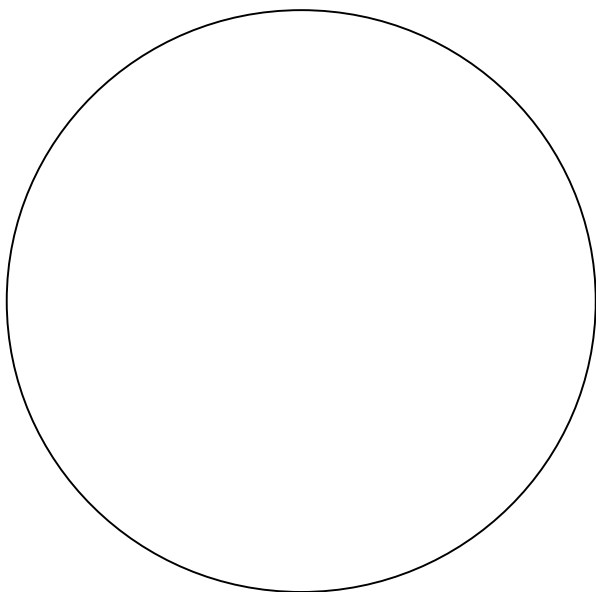
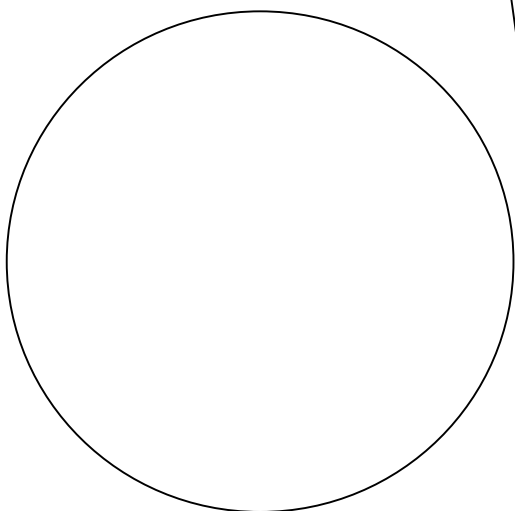
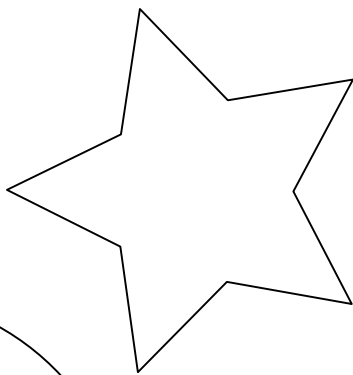
Trace border template (pg.10) onto exposed strip of blue foamboard. Then cut with craft knife as shown. Hot glue completed piece inside shelf.

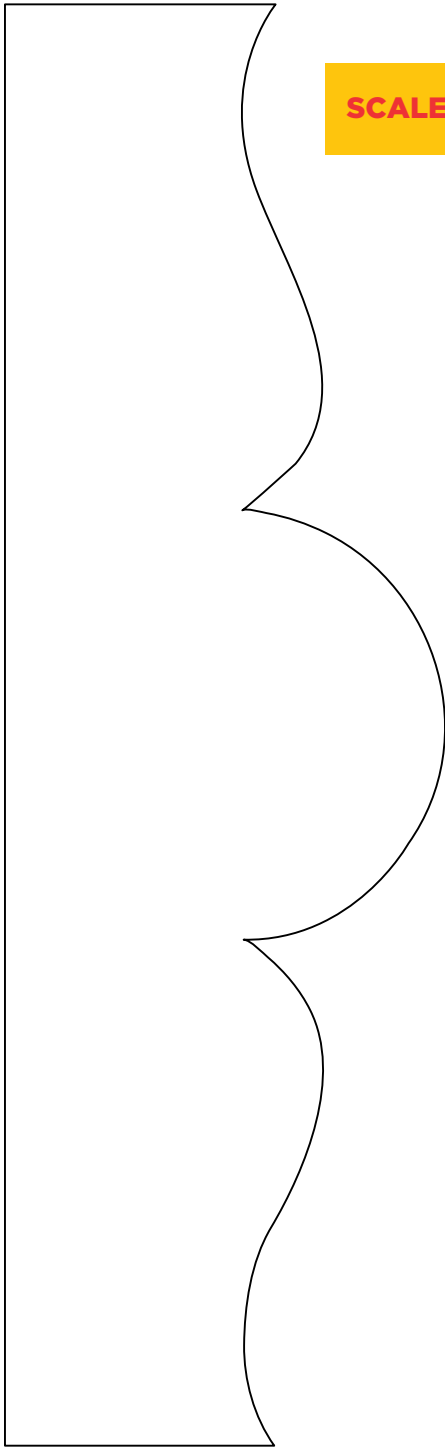
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