

When I remember my mum or I talk about her, when someone tells me stories about her or shows me a photo, her mark inside of me shines strongly and does my heart good.

Homemade Jigsaw Puzzle

Sammy loves doing jigsaw puzzles. He has a very special one that he made himself. He made it with a photo that he likes very much, of his mum and himself. He has put it together a thousand times! Here he tells you how he created his, and invites you to make your own.

Materials:

- Photo (printed on a page)
- Cereal box or thin cardboard
- Scissors
- Glue
- Ruler
- Pencil

1. Choose a photo that you like of yourself with that special person.
2. Ask an adult to print it as large as possible on a sheet of A4 paper.
3. Turn the paper around and put glue all over the back of the picture. Spread the glue thoroughly over the surface including the edges.
4. Glue the sheet onto the cardboard, trying not to leave lumps if possible. Make sure that the cardboard is a bit bigger or the same size as the photo you have printed.
5. Using scissors, and with the help of an adult, cut off the excess cardboard from around the edges.
6. Flip your image over so the cardboard part is facing up. With the help of an adult, mark the shape of the pieces of your jigsaw. * A pencil and a ruler can be of great help here.
7. Once the glue is dry, cut the cardboard with the scissors along the lines you have marked.
8. Start playing!
9. When you have finished playing, you can store the pieces in a small box so that they don't get lost.

* How to mark the jigsaw pieces?

This will depend on the level of difficulty you want your jigsaw to have and your age.

Shape:

- Columns: if you want it to be easy.
- Squares: if you want to make it a little more difficult (making vertical and horizontal lines)
- Other shapes: try triangles, or different random shapes. The more shapes and pieces, the more difficult it will be!

Suggestion on number of pieces:

- 3 pieces: 3 years olds
- 6 pieces: 4 years olds
- 12 pieces: children between 5 and 7 years old
- 15, 20, 30 pieces or more: 7 years and older

