

Aluminium Bookmarks

- Optional Craft -

Set up / Items needed:

1. Cut **Aluminium tape** into 22cm strips (one per teenager)

This is what you will design on. You must leave the backing tape on until you have completely finished and ready to stick to the card.

2. **Card bookmarks** (one per teenager)

These are cut to 20cm length, therefore a 1cm overlap on each end when sticking aluminium to it. The width is exact to the aluminium tape – so no overlap

3. **Tools:**

toothpicks = engraving (provided)

ballpoint pens = embossing (provided)

– extra ideas: blunt end of a paintbrushes, forks, etc – (not provided)

4. **Foam A5 Sheets** – one each or per pair is ok

These are to be used when embossing your aluminium. You emboss by drawing on the back of the aluminium tape onto the backing paper, leaning on the foam.

A good tool is a ballpoint pen, you can see what you have drawn–

Remember! you must write backwards/mirror image.

- | How to Emboss | |
|---------------|-----------------------|
| • | Draw on backing paper |
| • | With ball point pen |
| • | ✓ on Foam sheet |

5. **Toothpicks** – (one per teenager)

These are to design with – very good for engraving fine detail – don't press on too hard with these or they may go through the aluminium.

5. **Ear buds** – (one per teenager)

These are to smooth it out – when you have finished embossing on the back, turn it over and smooth in the flat areas, this highlights the embossed look.

- | How to Engrave | |
|----------------|------------------------|
| • | Draw on aluminium side |
| • | With a Toothpick |
| • | ✗ not on Foam sheet |

6. **Permanent Markers** – share amongst group

These can be added to colour your design.

Method:

1. Leave 1cm at each end of aluminium tape to allow overlap.
2. There is no order in your design, you don't have to emboss first or engrave first, just design.
3. Choose your tool for either engraving or embossing. (When embossing, place the aluminium tape face down on the foam sheet, drawing on the backing tape. When engraving you do not need to use the foam sheet, go directly onto the aluminium).
4. Use of colour markers is optional, if you want to add colour.
5. When finished with your design, get your piece of card (bookmark).
6. Peel off the backing tape very carefully – try not to bend the tape as it will crease your design.
7. Stick directly onto the cardboard – be precise as there is only 1cm either side for overlay.

Examples:

Embossing with ballpoint pen



engraving with toothpick



when finished colour in

