

Clothespin Friends

Week of June 29 Outdoors

MATERIALS

Wooden clothespins (the non-hinged kind)

Glue (tacky craft glue is best – If a parent is helping, hot glue can be used)

Pipe cleaners (if you want to attach as arms, wings, tentacles, etc)

Markers for facial features (if you want them), clothing, details, etc.

Yarn, embroidery thread, or string for hair

For Clothes

Draw on with markers OR

Yarn or embroidery thread—wrap around clothespin as clothing

Colored construction paper or scrapbook paper

Tissue paper, Kleenex/paper towel

Aluminum foil (good for for a knight or astronaut)

Fabric scraps

Fake flowers (especially for flower fairies)

Beads, jewels, etc. to glue on for decorations

For Wings, Fins, Other details

Cardstock or colored construction paper (draw veins, feathers or other details)

Waxed paper

Clear plastic from discarded packaging

Pipe cleaners shaped into arms, wings or fins

Craft foam

WHAT TO DO

Look at the photos for some ideas or use your imagination! Parents and older siblings can talk with you about what your friend is like and help you write a list of clothes or accessories that your friend needs. OR draw a picture of your friend first to help you decide what they are like. Then make a plan for what materials you might need.

OR gather materials suggested above and see what they inspire!

Try both ways. Do you like to work from a plan or make it up as you go?

Once you've finished your friend, you can make a place for them to visit — maybe a house outdoors made from found materials, or you can make a room in an old shoebox or cardboard box.

