

# Make a Traffic Signs Difference

The Play Share at a Time

**Tip:**  
using a protective coating will make your signs more durable

**Tip:**  
these homemade signs are an affordable alternative to store bought

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## Materials:

- wood dowels or popsicle sticks
- wood discs or bottle tops
- variety of road sign pictures (easily found online)
- color printer
- Mod Podge (or laminate, contact paper, or clear tape)
- hot glue

## Steps:

1. Print traffic signs on a color printer.
2. Cut out and coat with Mod Podge or other protective coating (tape or laminate).
3. Hot glue signs to wood dowel or popsicle stick.
4. Hot glue wood dowel into disc base. If using plastic bottle tops, cut a slit into the top and insert popsicle stick.

## The Benefits of Adding Sign Props to Blocks

1. Incorporating signs in block play helps children expand their knowledge of print. In the world, print is used for many different reasons. Printed signs give us directions and communicate information.
2. Using signs can expand creative play ideas. For example, speed limit signs and other traffic signs may encourage road building. Adding props may extend role play scenarios such as police officers and construction crews, builders and architects.

**Remember, as the adult you are the creator of the environment. Using sign props in a block area adds a literacy element.**

