

CONSTRUCT YOUR OWN ALPHABET

Suggested materials to recreate the alphabet from Denise Fleming's

Alphabet

UNDER CONSTRUCTION



I am listing the supplies I used to recreate the alphabet that Mouse constructed in the book, *Alphabet Under Construction*. In some cases I have listed alternative materials. An asterisk indicates which material of several suggested was used in the photograph. Please feel free to come up with your own ideas and designs. These are only suggestions.

I have included a few how-to instructions to clarify how I created a particular letter. Otherwise I just traced the letter from the book and recreated it using the listed supplies.

Below are some supplies with which you may not be familiar. A brief description of each and where they may be found follows.

Most of the supplies listed can be found at craft stores, fabric stores, or the craft departments of large discount stores.

dry florist foam- this is a material used for silk flower arrangements. It comes in sheets, shapes and block form. It can be easily cut with a serrated dinner knife. The trick is to not force the dinner knife through the foam but to use more of a

sawing motion. All the chain craft stores I have visited stock it. Make sure you buy DRY florist foam. Wet florist foam crumbles.

Blo-pens- I found these cool pens at WalMart. You color by blowing air through the pen. I have seen them at craft stores.

craft foam sheets- this flexible foam material cuts easily with scissors. It comes in an assortment of colors and thicknesses. It is very sturdy and fairly inexpensive and is stocked at most craft stores.

long, thin candles- these I found at several party stores, variety stores, and supermarkets.

foam insulation board- scraps can be found at building sites. The curves in the S are too difficult to carve in the dry florist foam.

Exacto saw- an exacto craft knife with saw blade tip. Available at most craft stores.