

How to Make a Walking School Bus

These instructions will help you construct a 30 x 40-inch school bus cut-out for students to carry on the walk to school.



Materials Included in Kit:

- Foam board
- Yellow spray paint
- Black spray paint
- 2 inch vinyl letters
- Windshield template

Materials Needed:

- Box cutter or other tool for cutting foam board
- Measuring tape, yard stick or ruler
- 3 foot straight edge
- Blue painters tape or another tape easily removable
- Large scrap paper or paper bags

Steps:

1. Cut out traced bus on foam board.
2. Spray paint both sides yellow. Use light coats a few inches from the board or it may be too thick and possibly runny. Wait until completely dry between coats. You may have to paint 2-3 coats of yellow.
3. Make the black stripe – start at the front of the bus, measure from the bottom of the bus up 9 ½ inches. Put a small mark at that measurement. Repeat in the middle and at the end of the bus.
4. Use your straight edge to draw a line at the 9 ½ inch mark. This will be the bottom of the black stripe. (See page three for a diagram.)
5. From that line measure up 3 ½ inches and place a small mark. Repeat in the middle and at the end of the bus. Use your straight edge to draw a line across the bus. This will be the top of the black stripe.

6. Starting on one side of the foam board, place your vinyl letters to spell out **WALKING SCHOOL BUS** between the two lines that you drew.
7. To draw the windshield, use the template included in your kit. Measure 3 ½ inches from the top of your black stripe at the front of the bus. Place windshield template bottom at that mark. Trace the template to mark the windshield.
8. Cover the entire bus using large scrap paper or paper bags except the black stripe and the windshield areas.
9. Paint the stripe with black spray paint. Use light coats a few inches from the board or it may be too thick and possibly runny. Wait until completely dry between coats. You may have to paint 2-3 coats of black.
10. Remove the paper and tape used to cover the yellow bus.
11. Remove the letters.
12. Repeat on the other side of the foam board.
13. If making more than one bus, trace the bus you just made onto the other foam boards.

Now you have a Walking School Bus cut-out! You can have students decorate if you wish. AND you can use the window cut-outs to make more encouragement signs (you can even use a stick to hold the sign).