

MAKING MARLEY'S CHAINS

"I wear the chain I forged in life. I made it link by link and yard by yard..." - *The Ghost of Marley, from Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol*

What You Need:

- Any combination of papers and/or thin cardboard: colored paper, construction paper, cereal boxes, sandwich bag boxes, magazine pages
- Pair of child-safe scissors
- Ruler or straight edge
- A pen or marker
- Glue stick, tape, or a small stapler

What You Do:

1. Using your straight edge or ruler and a thick marker, draw lines from one end of your paper/thin cardboard to the other, about 1 inch apart. Draw out 20-30 strips.
2. With a pair of child-safe scissors, carefully cut the strips out.
3. Imagine each selfish deed Marley would have done to forge his chain...What did he say? What did he do? Write your answer on the blank side of each link.
4. Turn the strips into loops, and link each one together, one at a time. If a strip has one brown side and one colorful side, make sure the colorful side is on the outside.
5. Have your chains handy while you watch the Alley's production of *A Christmas Carol*...Marley might need your help!



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