



**Whakawhanaunga
- Getting Together**

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Kia ora everyone

Ko Ashlee ahau. I work with the Education team at Corban Estate – and isn't it awesome getting together with whanau and friends again! I was so excited to see my team!

Coming back together I thought of an easy collaborative CEAC Adventure you could do at home with your family or back in class with your friends.

This adventure shows you how to create a puzzle with words and colours, and then how to join them up with other people who've also made them.

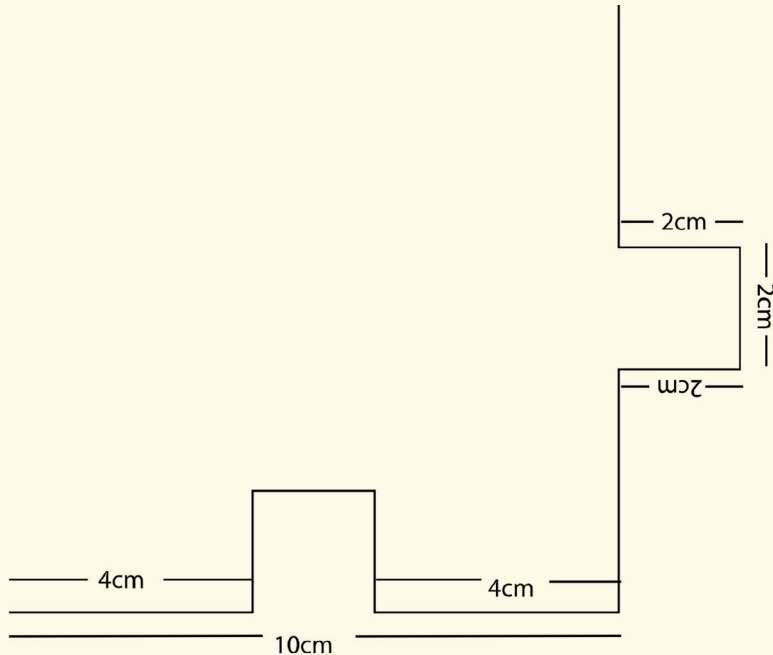
Let's get started...

You will need one piece of paper no bigger than A5 but any size is fine. Two sides of this can be whatever shape you want them to be (!).

The other two sides are cut very carefully using these measurements:

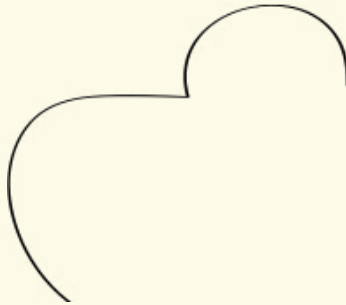
- Sides are 10cm x 10cm
- The interlocking pieces are 2cm x 2cm
- The interlocking pieces in 4cm from each side to find the middle.

Use a ruler to draw up the puzzle piece as evenly as you can with the measurements. Ask one of your whanau to help if you get stuck. You need 4 pieces to make a finished puzzle. All shapes must have two sides drawn to the same measurements and cut out correctly or they will not fit together very well!



Check out down below for examples of what the other two sides could look like. These are just examples though – you can do whatever you want!

Ashlee Tawhiti (2020).



The next step is to choose a positive word. Remind yourself of the good things about being with your friends and whanau. It could be a goal to aspire to or something to encourage others.

Our words were **Awahi** (support), **Clarity**, **Awesome**, **Kia Kaha** (stand strong).

Make sure your word is big and bold and uses up most of the space. Remember everyone has their own style of writing so there is no wrong. It may take you a few times to get the word in the right place – this is what we call the design process.

Ashlee Tawhiti (2020).



When you draw the outside of the puzzle piece, think about the feeling your word describes and how that would look if it was a shape or line style.

e.g. the word Kindness reminds me of hugs or a smile, so I would draw my outline soft and curvy like a hug.

Ashlee Tawhiti (2020).



The next thing you can do is add in a background to support your theme or word. You could draw some patterns to decorate the empty space in your piece, then colour in or shade with one colour pen.

Ashlee Tawhiti (2020).



Now you're ready to connect it with your whanau or classmates and display them on the wall or windows.

Here is one complete puzzle I created one with my whanau.

Ashlee Tawhiti (2020).



How many different ways can you connect your puzzle pieces?

I like how it feels kind of different each time I make a new connection – it's like creating a new story (or the beginning of one!).

I hope you enjoyed using your skills to create this awesome art piece.

Make sure you send us a photo or use #CEACAdventures on social media. We would love to see the pieces you have made and your inspiring words.

See you soon
Ashlee



Ashlee is a visual artist of Māori and European descent. She loves looking closely at and collecting from nature. She has been hanging out with her daughter and their dog, three cats and a handful of chickens while in the Rahui. Her passion is creating with other like-minded adults and children!



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