



# Classroom Decor and More!

## 7 Timesaving Decorating Tips for Teachers

Teachers know a dynamic and engaging classroom encourages learning and is a fun place to be for students. They also know that maintaining a bright and fresh classroom requires an investment of time. These time-trimming decor tips are teacher-perfect!



**1. Spend wisely.** Purchasing a ready-made bulletin board set costs money; however, the right purchase can save you loads of time. Look for a set that contains multiple pieces that can be used in a variety of ways. Creative Teaching Press Sweet Shoppe Bulletin Board Set (Item #860933) is a great example. The set includes 30 student pieces (for learning center cards, desktags, and paper toppers); four programmable candy jars (for sorting activities, graphing activities, and task cards); wipe-off charts in a variety of sizes; accent pieces; and two signs. It's so much more than a bulletin board set!

**2. Think low maintenance.** Students enjoy a student response board, and so will you. Simply trim a display with colorful border, such as Creative Teaching Press Playful Patterns Border (Item #103700); post a title that is an open-ended phrase like "Today I Learned..."; and keep a colorful stash of Office Depot® Brand Self-Stick Notes (Item #843796) handy. Each day before dismissal, invite each student to write a response on a note and stick it to the display. No need to change this bulletin board. Just replace the title and remove the programmed notes every few weeks!



**3. Stick with this!** Do you know about Scotch® Expressions Washi Tape (Item #711974)? This low tack adhesive tape is extremely easy to use. You can tear it, stick it, reposition it, and even write on it! The tape comes in a variety of patterns. It's great for adding a splash of color to charts, task cards, bulletin boards, and more. Need quick and easy alphabet strips? Grab a roll of Illustrated Alphabet tape (Item #151526)!

**4. Reuse titles.** Save time by reusing bulletin board titles. Stock a binder with Office Depot® Brand Top-Loading Sheet Protectors (Item #498811). Write a title on an index card and then slip the card and the letter cutouts that spell the title inside a sheet protector. Save small cutouts or coordinating strips of bulletin board border in the protector too.



**5. Choose long lasting.** It's a fact—paper fades. When you need to cover a bulletin board, choose a backing that stays bright longer, such as fabric or a plastic table cloth. Each is also easy to fold and store for reuse next year.

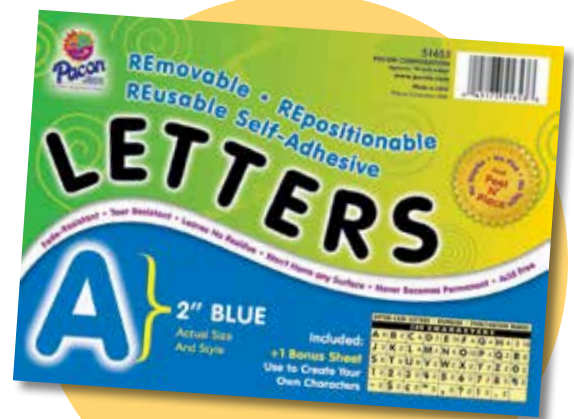
**6. Involve your students.** No matter what age, students enjoy seeing their best work on display. And the great news is that these displays are quick and easy to create. All you need is a title, a border, and student work samples. For additional timesavers, use Pacon® Self-Adhesive Letters (Item #459740) for the title and get the kids to make the border! Ideas include the following:

### Title

We Applaud Great Work!  
Work to Treasure!  
Newsworthy Work  
Spotted! Great Work!

### Border

cutouts of student hands  
gold coin cutouts  
newspaper strips  
colorful spot cutouts



**7. Customize!** Whether you need a small reminder board, a board perfect for showcasing snapshots, or a larger board in a nonstandard size, Foray™ Cork Wall Tiles (Item #698479) are a timesaving solution. The tiles come in packs of four, and self-adhesive mounting tape is included. There's no need to add backing paper, but if you'd like a burst of color, consider a strip of Creative Teaching Press Playful Patterns border (Item #103700) or Scotch® Expressions Washi Tape (Item #711974).